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Stars of the past go back in time



The Australian squad which revived history at Olympic Park (see page 10). Standing, from left: Mr. Joseph Docherty (manager), Mr. Gary McDowell (resident physician), Mr. James Armstrong, Mr. James Tansey, Mr. Sandy Irvine, Mr. James Rooney, Mr. Jack Reilly, Mr. William Vojtek, Mr. Peter Oller-

O'Connor the big catch

Heidelberg-Alexander was leading Blacktown in the race to sign Soccerroo striker Phil O'Connor as we went to Press.

O'Connor told "Soccer Action": "Heidelberg has made me a reasonable offer — a bit better than the one I got from Blacktown, so I guess they're the favorites at the moment."

O'Connor said he would announce his decision today (Wednesday).

"Moving to Melbourne would, of course, be a big step for me, but Heidelberg secretary Paul Shomos told me that they'd be willing to pay my rent until I get a job in Melbourne."

"I'd also have to rent out my house in Wollongong."

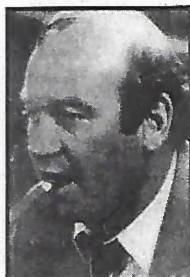
O'Connor, 30, was voted



Australian Player of the Year by "Soccer Action", last year, and also got the NSW Best Player award presented by the Press.

He came to Australia in 1975 to join Safeway United (Wollongong) after playing eight first-team games for Luton Town. Since then he's played for St George, APIA and his present club, Wollongong, which has transferred him for \$16,000.

O'Connor has scored 78 NSL and Cup goals.



• Terry Hennessey, former captain of Wales and Nottingham Forest among others, watches intently as his new club, Melbourne Croatia, beats Makedonia 3-0 at Olympic Park last Friday. An interview with the new Croatia coach appears on page 9.

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FOREST AND UDINESE ON TOURS LIST

The selection of top club teams to tour Australia in June will be completed by Australian Soccer Federation commercial director Peter Sheehan in London this week.

The ASF World Cup Committee, under chairman Peter McCann, settled the guidelines at its meeting in Sydney at the weekend.

Among the overseas clubs involved in final negotiations are Manchester United, Nottingham Forest and Arsenal (England), Glasgow Rangers (Scotland), Inter Milan and Udinese (Italy), Real Madrid (Spain) and Aris Salonika (Greece).

"One aspect is to find out which clubs will provide us with at least one return game in Europe later in the year," Sheehan said.

"Also, we are determined to get tours within Australia completely on the rails for the future by opening up discussions on 1985 tours as well."

"There is no chance that these visits will take place on an ad hoc basis as has so often been the case in the past."

The ASF and NSL have come to an agreement under which the NSL will stage only National Cup and deferred matches during June.

For its part the ASF has undertaken to leave the local scene to the NSL for the balance of the season.

McCann said a number of younger players with high prospects can be expected to play in the Australian eleven and State teams that are to meet the tourists.

"The best of the players who competed for Australia in the World Youth Cup in 1981 and 1983 must come into calculations," he continued.

"We could have brought some in for the Merlion Cup in Singapore, but in our judgement it would have been unfair to develop a team at the expense of the Singapore Football Association."

"We were the cup holders, we had asked Singapore to assist us in delaying the tournament and we had to face potentially dangerous opponents in China, South Korea and Thailand."

National coach Les Scheinflug was eagerly awaiting the announcement of the June touring teams as the future World Cup players will gain experience against them.

He said: "The away tour at the end of the year is likely to be for a month."

"Ideally I would prefer six weeks, but I know that the availability of quality matches and tour costing must be considered."

"I am satisfied that the majority of our best players are already in the squad."

"Actually I might not need many more than three replacements, especially if my players hold their form."

JIM COOK DIES

Jim Cook, our European correspondent, died in England late last year. He was 66.

Cook, born in Scotland, lived from 1958 to 1975 in Melbourne where he wrote for publications including "Soccer News" and "Newsday". He also was the Victorian correspondent for "Soccer World."

Cook also was instrumental in helping scores of British players to join Australian clubs.

Dobson dispute

Melbourne Croatia and Preston Makedonia may be locked in a tug of war over the signature of talented stopper Ian Dobson, from Victorian State League club Croydon City. Croatia is believed to be angry over rumors that Croydon and Makedonia have agreed terms on a transfer price for Dobson who signed a contract with Croatia late last year before flying home to holiday in England over the Christmas and New Year period.

If rumors of Makedonia's bid for Dobson are true, Croatia will report Makedonia to the NSL under new player poaching rules drafted at an NSL meeting in Sydney last week.

Who's coach of 'Roos?

Mystery surrounded the national coaching position as we went to Press.

Australian Soccer Federation officials discussed the job at length at a meeting in Sydney at the weekend.

It is believed that one suggestion was that the current national coach, Les Scheinflug, should coach the national A team, and that Frank Arok of St George Budapest should be appointed as coach of a national B team.

Arok, however, is believed to have rejected such a suggestion. And Scheinflug too, is far from happy.

Scheinflug was believed to be seeking support from the ASF for long-term tenure, with the possibility that he may resign if he does not get it.

Alston wants his old pal Wilson

By
PHILIP
MICALLEF



A Soccerroo old boys haven. That's what most soccer fans will call Wollongong City if new coach Adrian Alston, who made 61 appearances for Australia, is successful in signing Peter Wilson, the Soccerroo appearance record holder, having donned the green and gold on 114 occasions.

There's a hitch though. Wilson's club APIA is asking \$10,000 for the veteran defender.

Wollongong has had to substantially slash its player payments. There are no signing-on fees and no basic wages. The Wolves have reverted to an incentive system of win, draw and loss payments.

Wollongong's gates last year were about 40,000 down on 1982 figures. The loss of \$15,000 in sponsorship from the Corrmal Leagues club escalated the financial crisis at the club.

The Wolves still owe about \$20,000 in signing-on fees for 1983 but have paid all match payments for last season. And the giant Kern Corporation and the Fraternity Bowling and Recreation Club have come to the sponsorship party for 1984.

Striker Roy Cotton has joined Penrith City for \$7,000 and Soccerroo striker Phil O'Connor and Wolves 1983 captain Chris Dunleavy are certain to leave. Blacktown City was trying to negotiate a package deal to buy O'Connor and Dunleavy late last week.

Goalkeeper Jim Preston is trailing with Hong Kong First Division club Erimabad and won't be available for the kick-off to the new season. Natch Vardareff and former Canberra goalkeeper Ron Tilsed have signed for Wollongong so coach Alston is well off in the goalkeeping department.

Tilsed was one of Alston's first signings. The former Arsenal and English youth team player gave the game away in the late 1970's to concentrate on setting up a transport business. A rigorous training schedule has not Tilsed back to top shape and he

tana though, returns to the Wolves' fold after a stint with NSW State League club Avala.

No matter how confident he may appear, Alston is in for a tough experience in the forthcoming National League.

The former Soccerroo striker has been entrusted with the job of restoring some respectability to the Wollongong City side after a disastrous 1983 season.

The Wolves finished second last in the table after reaching the semi-finals in 1982.

In the off-season, the Wolves board gave the English-born Alston the senior coaching job.

"Everything must change," said Alston, who calls Wollongong his "home".

"The club's attitude must change. We must give district players a better chance of playing in the NSL, and we also must alter our style of play. We cannot rely on kick and run tactics any more. That's not the soccer our fans would like to see."

The Illawarra is the region with proportionally the highest immigrant population in Australia.

Italian, Yugoslav and Greek communities make up a huge part of the city's soccer loving public. With this in mind, Alston's idea of providing a more internationally orientated side makes sense.

Indeed, one of the reasons behind the Italian, Macedonian and Greek desertion of the Wolves may be the lack of an "ethnic" element in a basically British side.

The style of the Wolves lacks flair and imagination, the fans say.

But Alston has gone on record and proclaimed things would be different in 1984.

"It will certainly be a great challenge," Alston said.

"I've got no superstars to work with but I hope two of the four Yugoslav players I signed will make it to the first team. They should give the fans more entertainment."

Alston kept his promise of giving district players a chance by signing a few more.

Doubt over Bertogna, Wilson at \$10,000

By ALEX VESIC

Rumor has it that star defender Arno Bertogna may decide to stay in Perth, rather than return to APIA.

Bertogna's parents live in Perth, and he played there before coming east to play first for Newcastle, then for Wollongong and, last season, for APIA.

Farrugia's now an international



Melita Eagles star Ray Farrugia (pictured) is dying to get into NSW action, after having represented Malta in its recent matches against Spain (1-11) and Holland (0-5).

Melita fans haven't had the chance to watch their favorite son in recent matches, because he is nursing an injury. It shouldn't be long, however...

Lack of speed in defence seems to be Melita's biggest problem, although Mike Fogarty played quite well as centre back in the side's recent 2-6 loss to St. George Budapest.

OK, it was a bad defeat — especially since Melita led 2-0 early — but what can you do against St. George's machine?

Paul Daley, Melita's pride and joy and a member of Australia's youth national team last year, was sold to Penrith City along with Mickey Cross. And while Cross should not be regarded as a great loss, Daley is at the start of a promising career.

More than two dozen more players are listed for sale by Melita, including Richie Williams (\$5,000), Len Vial (\$5,500), Alex Jamieson (\$7,000), Steve Luxford (\$4,000), Hector Martinez (\$1,500), Greg Anandukit (\$4,500), Anton Budini (\$2,500), Les Chaloner (\$1,500), Vernon Darvill (\$1,000) and W. Campbell (\$5,500).

Some \$40,000 would be collected in transfer fees, should all of the above be sold.

Raul Blanco, the coach of Melita, will have one of the largest squads on hand and should retain much the same team. It could be:

Alex McPherson — Williams, McGinn, Fogarty, McAusland — Jamieson, D. Allan, Farrugia, Griffith, McKie, Fernsworth.

And while this side looks ok it is difficult to see Melita doing great things in the NSL. There is still the question of Don Allan and his decision last year to retire from soccer. Has he changed his mind?

With Raul Blanco insisting that Allan would be better suited to midfield duties, the club is keen to talk to Canterbury's Mick Theodoropoulos, last year's top scorer in the State League.

Defence looks an even bigger problem as Bob McPherson and Greg McCoy did not return from a holiday and look like being away for most of the season.

— ALEX VESIC

Meanwhile, Johan Scharmann, the Austrian import who showed a lot of skill with APIA last year but failed to impress coach Phil Bottalico, is on transfer for \$50,000.

Well, one can't blame the club. That is possibly as much as the player had cost APIA, so why not ask for it back? However, at a time when few could find money to purchase Phil O'Connor for \$16,000, it is difficult to see Scharmann being sold.

Giampolo is on transfer for \$25,000 and so is Greg Woodhouse. Brian Godzik, with Inter Monaro last year, had an \$8,000 tag put on his head while Zdenko Kafka is for sale at \$5,000.

It is also peculiar to find Peter Wilson in the For Sale column. No less than \$10,000 is asked for the ex-international and same goes for Rod Skeltern, while Walter Valeri is at the "moderate" \$8,000 price.

Paul Carter, the exciting young fullback, has asked to move and his price is also high: in fact at \$25,000 it is just too much and that is after only two seasons in top company.

Despite all of the above APIA looks like being one of the toughest outfits this year. Let's look at the possible line-up (assuming that some, if not all of the transfer deals fall through).

Robert Parkes — Paul Carter, Mark Pullen, Arno Bertogna (if he stays), Mark Brown — Terry Butler, Ian Gray, Peter Trednick — Tony Morsello, John Bradley, Robert De Ceglie.

CLUB DIRECTORY: President: Nick Papallo; Secretary: Renato Orsatti; Coach: Phil Bottalico; Ground: Lambert Park.

Marshall the tank is on the loose



Giant striker Alex Marshall (pictured) who scored 14 goals for Polonia (Vic) last season, was still available for transfer as we went to Press.

Marshall, 25, had been trialing with Melbourne Croatia, but Croatia coach Terry Hennessy decided he did not fit into Croatia's plans.

Clubs interested in him should contact Polonia.

Marshall, a former Victorian junior representative, has spent three seasons with Polonia. He also has played for Richmond and Moreland.

About 6ft. Sins tall and built like a tank, Marshall is one of the most feared strikers in Australian soccer. Once he's in stride, on his way to goal, there's no stopping him. He has a lot of ball skill as well.

By ANDREW DETTRE



Why Greedy quit: 'My kids were growing up without me'

Only a few weeks ago, St. George Budapest and Australian national team goalie Terry Greedy announced his retirement; quietly, undramatically, very typically of this serious, young man.

His decision raised many an eyebrow. How can anyone quit at the peak, at 28, a truly tender age for goalies?

How can anyone throw away the No. 1 shirt of the current champion team, St. George and also of Australia? The opportunity of playing, in 1986, in the World Cup finals? Fame, travel, glory, money?

The more cynical among us reacted swiftly by saying: That's how much soccer means to local players: no more than a passing hobby, like stamp collecting, possibly bird watching. Something you'd grow out of as you mature.

But Greedy's decision was not made in a fit of pique; his very early retirement shows, in capsule form, some of the deep-seated problems of Australian soccer. It proves once again, if there is a need to prove it, that we still are one of the very few true-blue amateur countries left in this commercialised world.

"Put yourself in my shoes," Greedy explains.

"I live at Minto and teach at Milperra Primary School. My daily routine, four nights a week, was this: Leaving the house at 8am, finishing at the school at 5pm, rushing to Rockdale for training, then home by 9pm, dead tired, falling into bed.

"I hardly ever saw my wife Rosemary or my two kids, aged 2½ and one, except perhaps on Saturdays. Week after month after year, virtually leaving my wife to bring up the kids.

"When I came down from Lismore to Sydney, six years ago, I asked for a posting here to see how far I could go in soccer. Naturally, I was dreaming of playing for a top club and for Australia one day. I achieved both in 1983. Frankly, that's enough for me.

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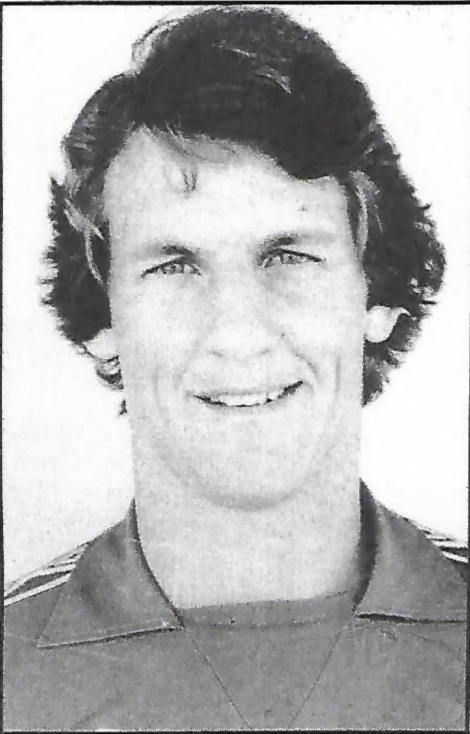
"Then, during the England series, the kids were sick and I was away for two weeks. That's when it first occurred to me that it's not quite fair to Rosemary or the kids, that perhaps I should call it quits."

But he didn't. Terry Greedy finished the series against England, giving some breathtaking performances, then played a key role in winning the NSL title for the Saints and finally helped Australia win the Merlion Tournament in Singapore. Nobody can ever say he didn't leave on the highest possible note.

"The truth is I never liked training," he admits. "Not the running part, anyway, and all the exercises. I always found it boring and had to force myself to do it. I certainly won't be missing all that chore. In fact, I hope I won't be missing playing at all."

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Terry Greedy — only 28, but he's called it quits.

weeks, even months before I get it, depending on when there is a vacancy in a school."

Unlike many "retired" stars, Terry Greedy won't be playing with a lowly amateur team just for fun. His gloves have been firmly chucked into the closet.

"If I can't continue for St. George, I certainly won't be playing for any other team. I could just turn out for matches, without training — but that's not me, really. It's a nice feeling to quit while you're ahead."

Although few of our soccer players could make a comfortable living from the game alone, their sideline earnings

are still often talked about — and envied.

"I never played for the money," Terry says. "Sure, it was helpful but for me secondary. At Bankstown I earned only a pittance and in my first season with the Saints I was a reserve to Mike Fraser. So you could say I only had one truly great year. Not much, perhaps, but enough for me; I retire a happy man, with my ambitions fulfilled."

He is reluctant to make a firm forecast about his successor in the national team.

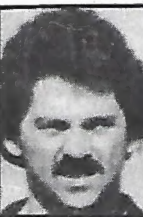
"I have always been very impressed with three: Gary Meier, Steve Watson and last season with Bobby Parks. I'd say the No.1 will come from that group."

"I don't think you can forget about Mike Fraser, either. Now that he has fully regained his confidence after his 1981 eye injury, he could fulfill all his early promise and shoot to the top again."

"It would be nice if Mike replaced me not only in the Saints goal but also in the gold and green..."



Gary Meier



Bobby Parks



Mike Fraser

Leszczynski signed — and now for a coach

Former Newcastle KB and West Adelaide Hellas coach Alan Vest was among a number of coaches under consideration by Brisbane Lions as the club attempted to recover from a shock telegram from Simon Kistemaker, saying he would not be returning to Australia.

Lions advertised nationally for a replacement for Kistemaker, who contacted the club through a telegram which simply said: "I not come back. Letter follows."

With the start of the season only a month away, Lions were desperate last week to find a new coach to prevent yet another disastrous start.

Club officials hope to name a replacement at their board meeting tonight (Feb 1).

The club spoke to Vest, who now is in Perth, late last week. Kuringai (NSW) coach Harry Noon also has been recommended to the club along with Polish refugee, Jerzy Wrzosek, who was missed out on the Sydney Croatia job.



Ricky Rosso

Queensland hopefuls, including one former top State League coach.

Although Kistemaker signed a contract in October before he returned for his "holiday" in Holland, it is unlikely Lions will take any legal action against him.

But bitter club officials are still keen to talk to him.

Club secretary Lawrence Oudendyk attempted to telephone Kistemaker in Holland on receiving the telegram but was told the Dutchman was in Belgium and uncontactable.

Kistemaker was approached by Belgian Second Division club Turnhout last June but had had Lions officials to believe he had turned down the offer.

Although the Lions' coaching position was still up in the air, the club intended to go ahead with a three-day camp

against Brisbane City on March 4.

Brisbane Lions have snapped up a talented young striker from virtually under the noses of Melbourne's NSL clubs.

He is Tasmanian State League player Andrew Leszczynski, who in the opinion of club officials, is Lions' "big" signing this year.

The 19-year-old striker from Hobart club White Eagles, impressed Kistemaker — and everyone else — when he played in the Australian schoolboy championships at Spencer Park last season.

Leszczynski finished the tournament as Player of the Series.

The tall, strong youngster, who scored nine goals in 15 games with the Eagles last season, will be used as a striking partner for Lions' skilful young Socceroo, Danny Wright.

Apart from Leszczynski, Lions surprisingly so far have made no other signings to strengthen their young team which finished bottom of the table last year.

reasons, of Socceroo squad member Steve Hogg.

Goalkeeper Nigel Lownds and fullback Bob McSkimming also have been transfer-listed.

Lions wanted to buy an experienced defender, and had Canberra's Terry Byrne on their shopping list, but discarded those plans when Byrne reportedly injured his knee late last year.

The triallists at Lions' pre-season training have included former NSL midfielder Graham Wilson who left Lions two years ago to play for Premier League club Olympic.

In that time he matured immensely and was one of the

best players in the competition last year.

Another welcome face back at the club is young midfielder or sweeper Paul Burns, who looked an outstanding prospect when he burst into the Lions team two years ago but was forced to miss last season after major knee surgery.

If his early training is any indication, Burns shouldn't take long to get back to his best.

Lions also have young Acacia Ridge goalkeeper Rob Farrow on a one-month loan. Farrow was selected as a reserve keeper in the Queensland team for the match against New South Wales last year but broke his wrist during training.

He believes he has fully recovered from the injury but will be tested in pre-season matches.

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Scotland or Austria: 'Roos thrown to wolves

By ANDREW DETTRE

Let's be daring and make a long-range forecast: Australia could play either Austria or Scotland for a final place in the 1986 World Cup.

Provided, of course, that we win our "little" Oceania-Asia-Middle East (?) subgroup.

FIFA, in its infinite wisdom, has placed Australia in a qualifying group which includes two political outcasts, Israel and Taiwan plus, of course, New Zealand.

Once again, marathon travel will be involved for the Aussies — as always since 1965.

Meanwhile, in Subgroup 1 of Zone A in Asia, for example, Saudi Arabia, Oman and the United Arab Emirates form a cozy trio and can travel to their away matches on a crippled camel, if they wish.

But as if all that weren't enough, the Oceania winner will have to play off against European team for a place in Mexico.

These are the European groups:

- 1: Poland, Belgium, Greece, Albania.
- 2: W. Germany, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Portugal, Malta.
- 3: England, Northern Ireland, Romania, Turkey, Finland.
- 4: France, Yugoslavia, E. Germany, Bulgaria, Luxembourg.
- 5: Austria, Hungary, Holland, Cyprus.
- 6: USSR, Denmark, Eire, Switzerland, Norway.
- 7: Spain, Scotland, Wales, Iceland.

Now for the twist.

The winners of all groups qualify for the finals — together with the runners-up from those groups which have five teams: 2, 3, 4 and 6.

The runners up of the other groups — 1, 5 and 7 — will have to play off.

This winner will also make Mexico — and the runner-up will play off for a place against the Oceania winner.

Let's forget now groups 2, 3, 4 and 6 as these have no bearing on Australia's prospects. What about the others?

On today's forms you could expect Poland, Holland and Spain to win the groups and go to Mexico.

The most likely runners-up from their groups are Belgium, Austria and Scotland.

If I had to pick a winner, I'd go for the powerful, physical Belgium — thus also earning a place under the Mexican sun.

And that would leave either Scotland or Austria to meet the Oceania winner — hopefully Australia — playing on a home and away basis.

However, to be on the safe side, the ASF and especially the national coach should begin to monitor all the performances of Poland, Belgium, Austria, Hungary, Holland, Spain, Scotland and Wales, as the team to meet the Oceania winner is absolutely certain to come from that lot.

Would we have a chance? Yes, even if a slim one.

A well prepared Australia could go very close against Scotland, Hungary, Spain and Wales — much closer than against Holland, Belgium, Austria and Poland.

Meanwhile, it's interesting to take a quick look at some other oddities in the World Cup draw.

Asia has four zones and a total of eight subgroups — and will provide two finalists.

FIFA MEMBERSHIP

Africa 42 countries, Asia 37 countries, Europe 31 countries, CONCACAF 23 countries, CONMEBOL 10 countries, Oceania 5 countries

1982 WORLD CUP

| | Entries | Eligible to qualify | % eligible to qualify |
|---------------|---------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Europe | 33 | 13 | 39 |
| South America | 10 | 3 | 30 |
| CONCACAF | 15 | 2 | 13 |
| Asia | 19 | 2 | 10 |
| Africa | 25 | 2 | 8 |
| Oceania | 3 | 0 | 0 |

NUMBER OF QUALIFYING MATCHES FOR 1982 WORLD CUP

- 4 — Poland, Brazil, Peru, Chile
 - 5 — Honduras, El Salvador
 - 8 — West Germany, Austria, Belgium, France, USSR, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, England, Yugoslavia, Italy, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Algeria, Cameroon
 - 9 — Kuwait
 - 15 — New Zealand
- New Zealand thus had to play at least six more qualifying games than any other country. It did not qualify directly from Oceania, but rather after playing off against Asian opposition.

Other World Cup qualifying groups

NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA (CONCACAF)

GROUP ONE: El Salvador v. Puerto Rico, Canada v. Jamaica, Netherlands Antilles v. U.S.A.

GROUP TWO: Barbados v. Costa Rica, Panama v. Honduras, Guatemala, bye

GROUP THREE: Trinidad and Tobago v. Grenada, Antigua v. Haiti, Surinam v. Guayana.

Only one team qualifies.

ASIA

ZONE A — Group One

SUB-GROUP ONE: Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Oman

SUB-GROUP TWO: Iraq, Lebanon, Qatar, Jordan

SUB-GROUP ONE: Kuwait (Group Two) Yemen Arab Republic, Syria

SUB-GROUP TWO: Bahrain, Iran, Yemen Democratic Republic

ZONE B

GROUP 3

SUB-GROUP ONE: Malaysia, Nepal, South Korea

SUB-GROUP TWO: Thailand, India, Bangladesh, Indonesia

GROUP 4

SUB-GROUP ONE: China, Hong Kong, Macao, Brunei

SUB-GROUP TWO: Japan, Singapore, North Korea

OCEANIA

Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Israel

AFRICA

Algeria, Cameroon and Ghana, bye, qualify for second round

First Round

ZONE A: Egypt v. Zimbabwe, Kenya v. Ethiopia, Mauritania v. Mali, Zambia v. Uganda, Madagascar v. Lesotho, Tanzania v. Sudan.

\$50,000 win to Brusasco

Christmas came exactly one month late for Queensland Soccer Federation president and ASF senior vice-president Ian Brusasco, who last month won \$50,000 in the Queensland casket.

Brusasco, 55, was given the winning ticket as a Christmas present from his mother-in-law, Mrs Elene Wilson, 75.

And on January 24 the thought paid dividends when the ticket took second prize in a half million casket.

Brusasco was unable to celebrate the windfall with his wife Patsy and their three children on the night of the win as it clashed with a soccer meeting at Perry Park.

After the meeting, at which Brusasco had further success in that he gained partial acceptance for his controversial restructuring proposals, he shouted the bar.

The win capped an amazing run of good fortune for Brusasco.

He had won a \$1000 trifecta on each of the previous two Saturdays and even collected \$5 in his first attempt at instant lotto when on a business trip to Melbourne two weeks earlier.

— RICKY ROSSO



John Dowie, 28, recruited by Juventus from Doveton for \$7000. Dowie started with Fulham in England, played 15 senior games for Glasgow Celtic from 1977 to 1978 and then had stints with Doncaster Rovers in England and Clyde in Scotland before coming to Australia to join Doveton.

Forwards galore at 'Juve'

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Juventus has been recruiting like a country at war, but can coach John Margaritis mould the men he has into a workable team?

No club in Australia is better equipped to play he old WM formation. Look at the forwards — Re. Cullen, Andrew Zinni, Gary Ward, Joe Sweeney, Fabio Incantalupo.

There's also Kevin Lloyd — but at a pinch, he could play in midfield.

However, the only established midfielder available at the moment, is John Dowie. Juventus' \$7000 buy from Doveton.

Billy Rogers is out of action due to a back injury. Ged Bannan has transferred to Fawcner, and Kevin Swinscoe also is expected to leave the club.

Richard Miranda, bought for Box Hill last season, but for Box Hill last season, but with Paul Drinoczky sidelined with a broken leg, Miranda probably will play as stopper, a position he often filled at Preston-Makedonia.

So how will Margaritis overcome his midfield problem?

Obviously, he'll have to turn a couple of forwards into mid-

fielders — most notably Incantalupo.

The full back positions are sound. Vince Bannan on the right has had NSL experience with South Melbourne Hellas and Heidelberg-Alexander; he's played for the Australian under 23 team, represented Victoria and won two Victorian Rothmans Medals. Harry Hird at left back was recruited from Altona City and was voted Juventus' best player in 1983.

Pat Bannan is the sweeper, as well as assistant coach. He was among the stars of Juventus' 3-0 victory over Footscray J.U.S.T. in a practice match last Sunday week.

Sean Keogh, bought from Doveton, is expected to be the No. 1 goalkeeper.

If Rogers recovers from injury, the Juventus team could be:

Keogh — V. Bannan, P. Bannan, Miranda, Hird — Dowie, Rogers, Incantalupo — Zinni, Sweeney, Ward.

Bruce, Mullen go

It all sounds like a TV ad of an airline to Hawaii: only \$85 for two, no hidden extras...

Except that the \$85 buys a season ticket for a couple to all Sydney City Hakoah matches.

The campaign is promoted by the club's co-chairman Sam Fisman, still convalescing after a heart bypass operation — but soon back to his daily four-mile running routine.

"We must increase our revenue and also fill our grandstand," says Sam, himself a former English First Division player.

"We will stick to our 1983 budget — and try to reduce it, if possible. It's about half of what we spent in 1982."

Soccer at Hakoah will be run under the direction of co-chairman Sam Fisman and Bernard Jacoby, co-opted advisor Andrew Kemeny and secretary Paul Bayutti.

"We have no new players at

"We will make another renewed effort to groom junior talent in our age level teams and in the neighbouring schools.

"Ideally, we should really replace David Mitchell — but not for the time being; let's see first how the team shapes up."

One definite loss is polished fullback Ian Bruce who, for family reasons, moved to Perth.

Several approaches have been made for the services of Ken Boden, Gerardo Gomez and others — but all are likely to stay put.

Veteran fullback Kevin Mullen has been released, on a free transfer.

Eddie Thomson has re-signed as coach, three titles and a second place in four seasons provide the likeable Scot with unparalleled credentials.

Sydney Hakoah, of course, will stay at its Athletic Field headquarters — but this time, it hopes to see three goals

CANBERRA CASHES IN AND GOES FOR YOUTH

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Gary Byrne to Blacktown City for \$12,500... Don Maclaren to Sunshine-George Cross for \$8,500... George Christopoulos on loan to AFK Athens until the end of this year... Terry Byrne sidelined until 1985...

These are the main stories which have emerged from Canberra Arrows in recent weeks. Canberra coach Doug Collins wants to sign Scottish midfielder Tommy Serrani from Marconi but Marconi has placed \$20,000 on Serrani's head. The Scot is appealing against the fee to the ASF. His case is likely to be heard later this month.

Youth power will form the basis of the Arrows' assault on the championship of the NSL's northern region. That exciting young striker Frank Farina, who played on loan with Canberra from Mareeba in Queensland last season, is expected to join the Arrows. Institute of Sport youngsters John Mihailidis, Roy Jones, Tony Franken and Ray Junna have been signed and Canberra has high hopes for young goalkeeper George Economopoulos. This promising custodian, along with Steve Hosowski and Tony Franken gives Canberra great depth in this department.

Canberra has transfer listed strikers Tony Brennan and Ian Gibson. Brennan is listed at \$20,000 and Canberra hopes to get at least \$12,000 from the sale of Gibson.

Andrew Young, Jim Murray and Steve Bryant will stay and Paul Ontong, for so long troubled by a knee injury, is fit and will be an important member of the first team sound this season.

Terry Byrne though, is less

fortunate. The talented sweeper was badly injured late last year while taking part in a multi-national local tournament. He has undergone knee surgery and won't be in action this year.

NSW Loito will be Canberra's main sponsor again. Arrows' full-time promotions man, former Soccer great Johnny Warren, has been working hard during the off-season to sign sponsors.



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St. George intends to be totally self-supporting in 1984, not getting — and not even seeking — a red cent from its struggling social club.

"We will get down to an annual budget of about \$260,000," says manager-coach Frank Arok. "Three years ago, when the club was relegated, the budget was \$400,000. "Two years ago our players cost us some \$220,000 a year; this year we will have to make do with \$120,000. And this means cuts in wages, contracts and fees."

The Saints, like almost all other clubs, are no longer prepared to throw money around by the fistful for the dubious and certainly intangible glory of finishing high up.

At the same time, Arok is working hard — in his case this means 12 hours a day — on increasing his revenue potentials.

There is a good chance that Sydney Olympic will play all or most of its home matches at St. George Stadium and it's also possible that the NSL "Match of the Day" will be staged there every week, for TV purposes.

"If this comes about, we are prepared to boost the flood-lighting capacity of the stadium and build permanent 'cages' for TV cameras around the ground," he says.

Under these economic belt-tightening conditions, it must please Arok that all the 1983 players have re-signed — with two exceptions.

National team goalie Terry Greedy, 27, has been asked to move back to Lismore, giving family reasons for his puzzling decision. Paul Wilkinson returned to England, bending to the wishes of a very homesick wife.

The rest of the crew remains intact — including Mark Barton and Peter Stone who, at one stage, were reluctant to accept reduced terms. Also back in the fold are the

veteran Dez Marton — age unknown, estimate 35 — and the youthful Robbie Slater. Marton spent two months in Yugoslavia with his family, resting — and playing indoor soccer.

Slater is a special case. Late 1983 Arok arranged for him to try out with Nottingham Forest.

The English club liked his skills and speed and used him in the reserve team where he grabbed 14 goals. However, when the Saints asked for a very reasonable transfer fee — or at least a modest leasing fee — Nottingham balked and young Robbie last week returned to Sydney.

However, Slater will return to Forest at the end of this season. He became the only non-Briton to be offered a professional contract with the English giant during his stint there.

"They've (Forest) told me that I'm good enough to make it over there," said Slater.

"I was playing really well over there. I don't know what came over me. Some times, when you walked out on

to a ground like Aston Villa's and it was just like it was in telly, all closed in, it was the most amazing feeling, just indescribable.

"I've come back a much better player than when I left. I think about the game a lot more and I think this might be one of the best seasons I've had after what I've learned in England."

Lost to the Saints and soccer is Geoff Biscaya, the talented Uruguayan-born youngster who will start his medical studies in March.

"We have a lot of very promising young players ready to come into the team," Arok says. "Peter Petkovski should be a regular now. Then there are Pedro Ricoy, Paul Darlington, Tony Danaskos, Chris Polius and a few others."

"We also have two new players. One is Warwick Young, a goalie from Wollongong, and John Svinos. John has tried his luck with Sydney City, Olympic and some other clubs as a defender — but I see tremendous potential in him as a striker. We'll see if I am right."

Radakovic new at Olympic

Sydney Olympic has been trying out a Yugoslav forward, Mike Radakovic, 29, but it seems to have lost Mike Coady, who is back in England.

And Jim Ziras, who failed to get back into the side after injury last year, is on the transfer list. He has been training with APIA.

Peter Katholos, the 1982 Australian Player of the Year, was on the verge of quitting Olympic, because the club offered him lower pay.

The transfer fee — \$11,000 — would have been a stunning

bargain, but Katholos decided to accept the lower wages after all, and remain with the club, which lost a lot of money last year.

The \$11,000 fee was written into Katholos's contract, much to the chagrin of Olympic president Jim Petinellis.

"We'll start the year with basically the same squad as last year," Jim says. "Frankly, we can't afford to sign players — and we don't even need them."

What we do need is a bit of organisational and financial stability so that we can realise the club's undoubted potential."

A big step towards that aim is the three-year sponsorship, worth \$150,000, from Harry Michael's Greek Variety Show Theatre.

The first year will net Olympic \$40,000, going up by \$10,000 every year. The popular Greek show will also give the club, the team, the players and minor sponsors, badly needed public exposure.

At the same time, it is likely to antagonise some sections of the Greek Press where the motto is: "The enemy of my enemy is my friend."

Olympic has also signed a one-year contract with former international hero Manfred Schaefer to coach the team which Jim Petinellis himself will do most of the administration, with a female assistant.

"Financially we expect to be about \$100,000 better off than in 1983, not to mention 1982," Jim says. "This is one of my first aims to restore proper financial management to the club."

Olympic may play its home games at St. George — if the training arrangements can be worked out. At present Olympic leases Pratten Park for \$18,000 a year — whether it plays there or not, that devaluing old ground must be kept for training purposes only.

"This time we are not making big announcements, like last year, at the season's start," says the quiet Jim Petinellis. "We'll try to build up our crowds and field an exciting, successful team."

"If we can achieve the second, the first will follow."

—ANDREW DETTRE



Frank Arok



Robbie Slater

Newcastle fights to keep Lowe; Mountford goes

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

As we went to press Newcastle was hopeful of thwarting bids by Sydney City and Marconi to sign its Australian youth team striker David Lowe.

Newcastle striker and last year's assistant coach, big Bob Mountford, has joined Brisbane City Mountford returned yesterday (Tuesday) from overseas.

Newcastle coach Ken Kaiser addressed a supporters' meeting last week and made his thoughts on this year's league title campaign plain.

"I told the meeting that if we retain almost all of our players and sign another striker, then we can win the league," said Kaiser.

Central defenders Peter Burke and Gary Watson returned to England late last year, and there are doubts about Watson coming back. Burke already has said that he'll rejoin Newcastle but Watson wanted the added security of a guaranteed job in the local area. Newcastle's board of directors were unable to make such a guarantee, however a group of supporters were determined to find work for Watson, described by Kaiser as "an exceptionally talented centre back."

"I'll have to rebuild the side then I'll do so but I'd prefer to be in a position to have a real go at the championship," said Kaiser.

Grant Lee, on loan last year from Sydney City Hakoah, may be Newcastle's first major signing in 1984. Kaiser rates Lee and wants the club to buy him from Hakoah.

Newcastle chairman Ivor Thirwell was confident that the club would enter the 1984 season in its soundest financial position for some time.

"All our financial problems are under control," he said. "Our debts have either been written off or rescheduled and hopefully our supporters will get behind us again so that we can retain our squad."

Hermiston quits

Former NSL Player of the Year Jim Hermiston has quit Brisbane City.

The club will be coached this year by former Lions coach Joe Gilroy, while Hermiston now almost certainly will dust off his boots and play for local Premier League club Ipswich United.

Hermiston, who began coaching City only last year after coming out of retirement to play for the club the previous season, said his decision was "a matter of principle."

The move was not well accepted by some directors and club members, particularly after City finished third-bottom.

Late last year Hermiston sacked three experienced players — Frank Pimblett, Bobby Hamilton and Billy Williamson — as he sought to introduce youngsters and rebuild the club's first team.

The move was not well accepted by some directors and club members, particularly after City finished third-bottom.

Young goalkeeper Glenn Ahearne, who missed much of last year through a broken leg, is unlikely to play again, after he was involved in a Christmas-period car accident that

Salabasides and Kreft the new men in Adelaide

By FRANK PANGALLO

West Adelaide Hellas and Adelaide Juventus are beset with problems. Their squads aren't really settled, although the current Ampol Cup series will serve as a guide for both coaches and fans clamoring for success.

Whether that success comes this season is debatable. Hellas and Juve both have glaring chinks in their armour, weaknesses exposed by out-of-season contract disputes involving their better or more experienced players.

And both enter the year with new men at the helm.

Hellas' mentor, Sam Salabasides, is an unknown quantity. Those who remember him, do so over an unfortunate and regrettable incident during an Adelaide soccer match more than 20 years ago.

following which he was suspended for a long time.

After serving penance, Salabasides, who incidentally wasn't a bad player, spent time coaching in Europe, mainly Greece.

His appointment was a total surprise. The tip was that Peter Kouliotis, who took over from Alan Vest near the end of last season, would get the nod again. Kouliotis wasn't given the time he needed to prepare a worthy side, but then again, few Hellas coaches have.

Salabasides was handicapped almost from the day he took over. No less than seven of last season's regulars either wanted transfers, retirement or simply were discarded.

Bustling striker Paul Wormalley, a mid-season casualty, and midfielder Mick Brennan, on the verge of being discarded, are in Perth with their former boss Alan Vest.

Preston-Makedonia bought exciting winger Graham Heyts for \$10,000 and also wants stopper Robbie Dunn.

Dunn remains in dispute with the club. Hellas was surprised to see him lineup with his old club, Azzurri, in the opening Ampol Cup match which Hellas won 1-0. Rumors abound that there's another shock in store for Hellas as Juventus has expressed an interest in him!

Defender Bill Amey's whereabouts are unknown but it's certain he won't be wearing the blue and white strip in 1984.

Striker Graham Honeyman, after hinting at possible retirement, has decided to have another crack. So too has sweeper Neil McGachey who told all he had hung up his boots for good last year.

You need a crystal ball to determine former Socceroo goalkeeper Martyn Crook's future. A spate of injuries, a fall from grace with the fans who once fawned on him, has left Crook in limbo and in dispute. He should have gone to South Melbourne Hellas last year when Raki Kasie offered him the move to move!

West has done little to replace them. The most notable signing has been exciting young striker Steve Papadopolous from Polonia. And there's talk of a couple of imports.

Papadopolous complements a squad that's top heavy with youth and inexperience. But there's method in what some outsiders may consider madness.

Hellas has promoted its most exciting youngsters, most of whom carry Greek names. It's an attempt to woo back the ethnic-orientated supporters as well as to rebuild. The logic is a sensible one. But it won't bring a championship in 1984 — unless Salabasides is a miracle worker.

Adelaide City Juventus has had its share of ups and downs.

Personality Juventus strongman Charlie Caruso was persuaded to return as club president after departing two years ago.

He inherited a bigger mess than most members were led to believe under the previous administration. Players hadn't been paid; contracts either couldn't be found or were so outrageously generous that one wondered whether Adelaide City was printing its own money to make up the alarming shortfall; the club's accounting system was in disarray; membership (so too attendances) plunged to an all-time low.

What the club did manage to salvage was continuing sponsorship from building product giant Boral, and Adelaide Pest Control.

In one clean sweep, coach Bobby Ferguson went and was replaced by Edmund Kreft, who enjoyed a successful stint with Juventus at State level, then took the club into the first two seasons of the Philips League until he became the scapegoat for a poor 1978.

Kreft, always a conspicuous figure at national league matches as a spectator, has settled his differences both in the financial and personal



Edmund Kreft



Neil McGachey

arena with problems he didn't need.

Sweeper Neil Banfield is in the UK with Orient (and it doesn't look like he'll return this season); midfielder Stewart Blair is going back to Azzurri; there's doubt over defender Phil Cole; Kiwi international Glenn Dods, after changing his mind about resigning with the club, did an about face and decided to quit for family reasons; there was a protracted dispute with brilliant Joe Mullen that only recently has been resolved.

Kreft himself is in a bind. Because of his employment at the gas and oilfields of outback Moomba, Kreft has had little time with his players. He may even miss the club's first NSL matches.

Filling the role for the time being is former Italian professional Mario Corti (coach of the club's State League team), with help from former Juventus coach Bob D'Ottavi (also the club's football director).

Despite the gloom that hung over the club last season, there's an atmosphere of optimism and enthusiasm, particularly on the part of the two stalwarts, Caruso and D'Ottavi.

There's even the expectation of a resurgence to the levels enjoyed by Juventus before the last administration took over.

There's no money to buy players. Juventus is being frugal by discharging ballast of useless players who should never have been bought in the first place.

But the undeniable talent at Juventus is still there. Bugsy Nykhus — arguably one of the country's finest club and team men — will play again; Charley Villani may still live up to his youth promise; Sergio Melia gets better each season and there's the brilliance of Joe Mullen who needs only to repeat the form of late last year to be an automatic inclusion in the national squad.

Kreft's appointment, and that of Corti, indicates Juventus is turning back the clock to the days when skill was its game.

With skill comes entertainment. That's all fans ask. If the clubs can come up with the goods, they'll see the results at the turnstiles.

As grandstand critics, we can only hope the specific

Penrith loses ground

Penrith City, one of the new members of the National League has been busy since its unexpected promotion from NSW Division 1.

The first to be drafted into the new Penrith side was Roy Cotton, that nippy and skillful striker from Wollongong City.

Willie Wallace, the new coach of Penrith, was keen to have the O'Connor-Cotton combination at Penrith but while Cotton came for a relatively small transfer fee, it was just too much for the new club when it came to Phil O'Connor. The NSW Player of the year was too expensive and his own demands did not help.

Ian Hunter, keen to sign with Penrith is still in the dark over his future. Marconi has asked for \$20,000 and there is no way Penrith is going to outlay that much money. A new deal was being worked out between Penrith and Marconi and it looks as if Hunter may yet land at Cook Park.

Micky Cross and Paul Daley from Melita Eagles have joined Penrith and will definitely be an asset to their new side. Don Campbell, ex Blacktown and Melita Eagles, has also gone west and with his height and strength could easily partner Paul Daley in the centre of Penrith's defence.

Ian Dunne (defender), Brian Jax, Michael Gibson and Grahame Lomis (midfielders) with Tim Anderson (striker), are the local Penrith players destined to make it in the top side.

Penrith has also looked to England in search of talent. Peter Nix, ex Notts Forest reserve player with experience in the NASL (Baltimore) is set to join the new side. Brian Jackson, striker from the English Premier League is also set to fly out to Australia.

The new side to join the National League could look like this: Michael Gibson — Ian Dunne, Paul Daley, Don Campbell, Micky Cross — David Hale, Peter Nix, Grahame Lomis — Roy Cotton, Brian Jackson, Ian Hunter.

Penrith Park, the original site for Penrith City's inaugural NSL season looks like being a thing of the past before a ball is kicked in the League.

The Leagues Club has decided to make life difficult and Penrith City soccer club will have to look to a new venue. The local council has already thrown its weight behind efforts to improve Cook Park.

Come the first round of the competition and Cook Park should have seats to accommodate 5,000.

Further effort to improve the ground by August should cost the council no less than \$1½ mil.

—ALEX VESIC

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ASF 'summersault', ethnic names OK

In retrospect, we may all relax and wonder what all the fuss was about.

For years the ASF stuck to its guns about "foreign named" clubs not being admitted to the National League — with one or two notable exceptions, of course.

These, we were told, disgust and discourage decent true-blue Aussies and keep them away from matches.

What has kept people from flocking to watch the Auburns, Sutherlands, Manly and others has never been explained.

But now, miraculously, foreign names are OK once again: we can have a Croatia, Juventus, Melita, whatever you like.

In Croatia's case this is especially curious: time and time again we used to hear from ASF moguls that "they'll never be admitted under that name as long as I'm here." So maybe they are not there any longer.

Needless to say, we applaud this probably temporary return to sanity: a hundred and one different things may keep people from watching NSL games — but certainly not club names.

If that had been the case, then Sydney City (nee Hakohah) Leichhardt and some others would have had their grounds bursting at the seams.

This newspaper as such and myself as an individual have campaigned long enough against the xenophobic bias which for years — indeed, decades — tried to convince the public that, for example, APIA is a "foreign name" while Leichhardt is simply adored by the populace.

Now it's time to forget the whole senseless argument, pay absolutely no attention to the laments of the few remaining bigots and try to find the REAL reason why soccer's popularity has nosedived over the years.

In yet another area, the ASF has performed a double summersault with a twist during the summer. Perhaps it should be called a summersault.

A couple of weeks ago it was announced that in 1984 "only club teams would visit Australia — not national sides."

And they mentioned Liverpool, Fiorentina, Juventus, Glasgow Rangers, AEK and others. Precisely a year ago the ASF — if I recall, Sir Arthur George — announced that from now on we would invite only full national sides as nobody was interested in visiting clubs.

Maybe in a year such an interest has developed to an appreciable degree.

I don't have very strong feelings about the matter either way: I'd be just as happy to see England as Liverpool, Italy as Juventus, Greece as AEK.

It also makes little difference to the Australian or State teams whether they face a strong national or club team.

What I find difficult to understand is how the ASF can change its POLICY so dramatically in 12 months.

Now, in heaven's name, did they reach the first conclusion and what overpowering logic forced them to change their minds?

One has reason to suspect that we have no "foreign policy" at all, no long range plans for the national team, and very little knowledge of the international scene.

Some of the men on the World Cup Committee couldn't tell Glasgow Rangers from the Forest Rangers who guard Yellowstone Park, yet with disarming innocence they dabble into this mysterious subject.

This is February 1984, in case you forgot. The World Cup elimination matches may start later this year — but certainly in 1985; the finals are in 1986.

Whoever is in charge of the national team should know by now when and how he can prepare for these hurdles.

A detailed plan should exist very precisely worked out against overseas teams who could help us in our World Cup preparations.

And, even more dramatically, that plan should be executed without further changes.

But, clearly, this is asking for a bit too much.

Those who have been blindly waging a war against what they loosely term as "summer soccer" please note...

Last November the Australian team played in a Singapore tournament. In Singapore's permanent summer; in hot and humid conditions.

The Aussies won the tournament.

There wasn't one murmur from the players or from the pressmen about "summer madness."

Or is it only the Australian summer that bothers them?

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



• This is NOT Adelaide City in action — but Italy's Juventus, the club whose proud name it once carried.

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Syd. Croatia arrives — at long, long last

At last — merciful last, some would say — sanity has prevailed: Sydney Croatia has been admitted to the NSL without forcing it to change its name.

Now the old argument is about to be settled: will the club be such an asset to senior soccer as advocates of its cause have been arguing for seven years or so?

Croatia's youthful, energetic manager-coach Attila Abonyi is optimistic.

"I feel Croatia have arrived where they always belonged. It was plain crazy to keep them out so long just because they wanted to keep their name."

"When I left them, in 1980, after three successful and happy years, I did so because I feared that bias would permanently prevent their progress. I'm happy to be back now."

So could be Croatia. After all, it has Abonyi, one of the all-time greats of our soccer who, since turning to coaching in 1978, has won numerous titles with Croatia and then Melita and appears to be one of the few up-and-coming managers on the local scene.

Of course, Abonyi knows full well that more than enthusiasm will be needed to "mix it with the big boys."

"We have 23 players in training at present and that includes six we have not yet signed," he says. "In the next few weeks we'll sort things out."

"In Savor, Watson, the Kovacic brothers and some others from last year we have a talented and young nucleus for 1984."

"We have also signed three new players: Shane Clinch and Steve Meades from Sutherland, Paul Kerwan from Blacktown. And we have lost only one, Peter Hensman who, due to chronic back and other injuries, has decided to retire."

Goalkeeper Ron Gisbourne, formerly of Riverwood and Banks town, also may join Croatia.

Croatia will play its matches at its Edensor Park ground, five minutes drive from Marconi's — provided the NSL approves the venue. Abonyi admits that the ground needs some improvements — such as widening and the installation of some seating — but adds that these have been scheduled anyway by his club.

A modern, spacious clubhouse with all the usual club facilities is 50 metres from the playing field — an ideal set-up which only Marconi and Blacktown can emulate of the other Sydney clubs. Without being too daring, he predicts average crowds of 4,000 or more in 1984 — with anything up to 10,000 for "specials" such as Olympic's visit in the third round.

Attila, like his former mentor, Frank Arok, is coaching, managing and administering the soccer club; he even wants to try some of Arok's brilliant promotional and fund-raising schemes. On the field he is assisted by Luke Fabjanic — who, in 1977, was his first coach at Croatia — while off the field his main crutch is Tony Topic, now in his fifth year of club presidency.

"We will do everything we can to prove that Croatia is an enormous asset to the NSL, not the liability some people have been claiming for years," he says.

"Of course we are a basically ethnic club; of course, so are most of the others. And what's wrong with that? Ninety percent of soccer spectators are ethnic, too. It's high time we stopped pretending."

"If we do get 4,000 or 5,000 fans at our matches, I'm not going to run around asking them whether it's the game or patriotism that has brought them out. I only wish every club had a support like we do, soccer would be miles further ahead on the road."

— ANDREW DETTRE

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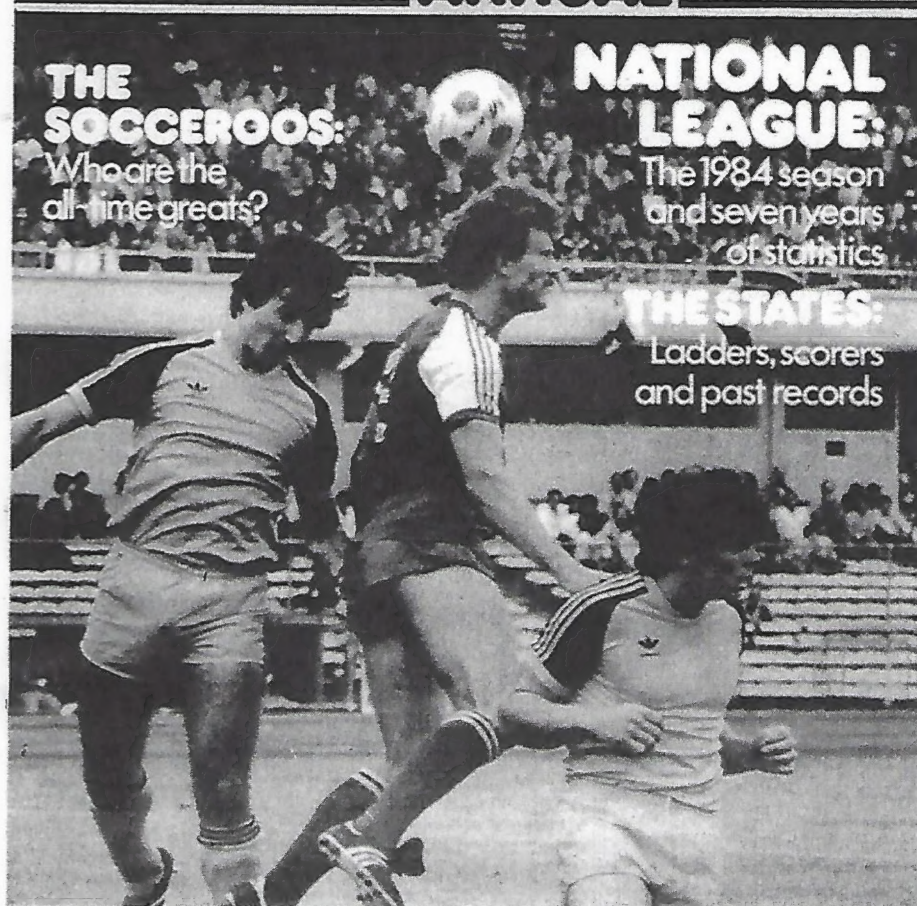
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Hakoah returns, Shepparton withdraws

Let's not just remember 1984 as the centenary year of organised soccer in Victoria.

Let's hope we can remember 1984 as the year which brought a timely end to the peculiarly Victorian pastime of league restructuring, a three-year-old phenomenon which has pleased few, incensed some and baffled most.

No doubt the office staff at Soccer House in St Kilda would return with most Victorian soccer followers in welcoming a return to the old, two-up, two-down system of promotion and relegation.

Reams of paper work are the sad reminder of the confusion which has reigned in Victorian soccer circles ever since a few wise men first decided to sit in arbitrary judgement over the size and composition of the Victorian leagues back in 1980.

It comes as no shock therefore to learn that Shepparton United, granted admission to the Metropolitan Leagues in November last year, no longer is in the Metropolitan Leagues.

United's late withdrawal

left a vacancy in Fourth Division which has been filled by East Brunswick.

United wanted to play all its games on Sundays. The Metro League board of management resolved that United could play home games on Sundays but was powerless to force clubs hosting the Shepparton outfit to switch to Sunday matches.

What does come as a shock is the appearance of St Kilda Hakoah in the Fourth Division of the Provisional Leagues. This once mighty club disappeared two years ago in an amalgamation with and eventual takeover by South Melbourne Hellas. But the famous Hakoah name has been revived by members of the Jewish community formerly associated with Amateur League club Maccabi.

The VSF board of management will decide this week whether or not to fill the vacancy in the 13-team Fourth Division of the Provisional Leagues. That vacancy was

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

caused by Maccabi United's amalgamation with Provisional Third Division club Dallas City.

Carrum, Richmond United, Eagles United, Northern Suburbs, Old Scotch, Brimston, Collingwood, Collingwood City, Diggers Rest, Glenroy, Split, Ringwood Rovers, Melbourne United and Yarra United all are in either the Provisional or Amateur Leagues for the first time.

Fitzroy City is the new club name for Burnley and Murrumbidgee now is known as Burwood United.

After a few weeks of the 1984 league season we'll probably not notice the difference. The new leagues:

STATE LEAGUE

Albion Rovers
Box Hill
Broadmeadows
Croydon
Doveton
Frankston Pines
Knox City
Morwell Falcons

Northcote
Polonia
Wilhelmina
St Albans Dinamo
Western Suburbs
METROPOLITAN

DIVISION ONE

Altona City
Altona Gate
Bell Park
Doncaster Rovers
Kew Park Rangers
Melbourne
Moreland
North Dandenong
Nunawading City
Richmond
Springvale City
Sunbury
Thomastown
Werribee

DIVISION TWO

Capfild
Coburg
Dandenong City
Eltham
Heidelberg Bundoora
Keller Aunla
Mannington
North Geelong
Prahran Slavia

Ringwood United
Sandringham
St Melb Mordialloc
South Oakleigh
Waverley City

DIVISION THREE

Ardeer
Brighton
Bulleen
Corio
Essendon City
Geelong
Hailyn Rangers
Karrington
Moorabbin
Mooroolbark
Port Melbourne
Prahran City
Rusby Richmond
Yallourn

DIVISION FOUR

Borlor
Clifton Hill
East Brunswick
Ferntree Gully
Greensborough
Hawthorn
Holland Park
Keysborough
Lalor United
Langwarrin
Rusnaba
Rusnaba
Springvale United
Yarraville

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE

Ballarat
Boronia
Carlton
Central City
Chelsea
Clarinda
Clayton
Hawthorn
Malvern City
Melton
Monash Uni
Shepparton City
West Brunswick
West Geelong

DIVISION TWO

Abbotsford
Altona United
Berwick
Cheltenham
Cranbourne
Fitzroy City
Geelong United
Kyneton
Nunawading United
Pascoe Vale
Regent
South Dandenong
South Yarra
Uni of Melbourne

DIVISION THREE

Brunswick City
Burwood United

Clarinda-Koonong
Dallas City
Diamond Valley
Dingley
Hampton Wanderers
Lyndale United
Mitcham
Mossfield Rangers
North Sunshine
Port United
Seaford
West Melbourne

DIVISION FOUR

Ascot Vale City
Batman
Baxter
Carrum
East Carlton
Farringham
St Kilda Hakoah
Monbulk
Mulgrave
Parksmead
Richmond United
South Parkmore
Westall

AMATEUR LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

Ascot St Marks
Balclava
Balwyn City
Bundoora

Chadstone
Endeavour Hills
Latrobe Uni
Maccabi
Meadow Park
Melbourne Uni
North Melbourne
Waverley United

DIVISION TWO

Concorde
Eagles United
Hosa United
Northern Suburbs
Old Scotch College
Phillip-Coburg
Phillip Institute
South Springvale
RMIT
Vermont
West United
West Meadows

DIVISION THREE

Brimston
Southern Cross
Collingwood City
Collingwood
Diggers Rest
East Richmond
Glenroy Split
Lalor City
Melbourne United
Ringwood Rovers
Yarra United

Murney and Docherty quit Albion

By LES SHORROCK

Hugh Murney and Joe Docherty resigned as coach and manager respectively of Albion Rovers last weekend.

The resignations were a result of a long-simmering dispute with the club committee over money matters which came to a head just before the kick-off of Sunday's game against Broadmeadows.

Several players are understood to be disappointed with the terms offered for this year (\$80 a win, \$60 a draw and \$40 a loss, but with no signing-on fee), and their attitude, coupled with an ultimatum from the committee that no money is available for new players, proved to be the final straw for Murney and Docherty.

While most neutral observers would marvel at the fact that a licensed club could find itself so strapped for cash, even after taking into account that the club has been burgled several times, committeemen feel they are justified in their stand.

Club identity Billy Cree said that while the new dressing rooms built off-season by Sunshine Council looked fine, the club had provided all the interior fittings, amounting to some \$11,000 in all and still faced the problem of getting the sewer connected.

Now a new coach and team manager must be found. And many players are considering leaving.

Former Sunshine star Jimmy McRobert was offered the Albion coaching job during last Sunday's game but declined as he expected to be re-appointed coach of Metro First Division club Moreland this week.



Hugh Murney

Mitten to Polonia, Mila to Croatia?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Polonia and Morwell Falcons, the likely semi-finalists from Section B, meet in a vital Victorian Buffalo Cup clash at Chaplin Reserve, Sunshine tonight (Wednesday), starting at 7 pm.

The competition is for teams not in the Buffalo Gold Summer Cup.

Striker Noel Mitten, who joined Polonia in the last few days, will make his debut against his former club, Falcons. The Morwell side will have Bobby McGuinness back in its line-up. The 1980 Victorian Rothmans Medal winner missed last weekend's clash with St Albans Dinamo through suspension.

I'm going for a draw. I'm looking forward to getting a first hand glimpse of Morwell's new import, sweeper Gerry Clarke. From all reports he's a class player. He'll have to cope with Polonia's new strike force of Mitten and former Ringwood Wilhelmina player Dave Gibson, who crossed to Polonia last week for \$4000.

Polonia too won't have it easy at the back where John Vathis is filling in due to Danny McCluskey's absence from training. McCluskey still is needed at Polonia. It's up to him whether or not he wants to commit himself to the club this year. If he does then alongside Rick Lipiarski, Andy Czapiak and Stefan Mila, he'll give coach John Gardiner a good defence to build upon.

Gardiner himself may end up as sweeper if rumours about Mila going to Melbourne Croatia are true. It hasn't taken Gardiner long to make his attitude to training well known at Polonia. He dropped Tadi Krzysinski and Janusz Przybyla for last Sunday's clash with Falkner because both forwards missed last Thursday night's training session.

Polonia has transfer listed

Alex Marshall and Mirek Smolarek, both good players. It should take them long to get fixed up with other clubs.

Other matches tonight feature Broadmeadows at home to Western Suburbs and St Albans Dinamo at home to Albion Rovers.

Broadmeadows need a few new players to do well in State League this year but they may hold Suburbs here. Dinamo, inspired by the seemingly ageless Billy Vojtek, player-coach, should beat Albion which has both on-field and off-field problems.

Box Hill already looms as the winner of Section A and should account for Rudi van Altena's Wilhelmina at Wembley Park this Sunday, starting at 3 pm. The Hillmen are experimenting with Andy Hughes at right back and Ray Tolmie as sweeper but up front their usual striking duo of Paul Priestley and Peter Verchica are in fine form and should be too strong for Wilhelmina's defence which misses David Brooks' experience.

Knox City sprang a surprise against Northcote last Sunday by playing regular goalkeeper Stuart McTurk as centre forward. Coach Eric Lesbirel was left with a threadbare squad due to the absence of Greg House, Jeff Gerrish, Duncan Smith, Mike Bissinger, Martin Wild, Andrew Compton and Peter Myska, all holidaying over the Australia Day weekend. All seven should be available for Sunday's clash at Egan Lee Reserve against Frankston Pines.

Tonight's and Sunday's games, with likely winners in capitals.



Falkner defender David Vesnaver in full flight against Albion Rovers in the Buffalo Cup. Falkner won the match 4-2. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

BUFFALO CUP DETAILS

Victorian Buffalo Cup details:

SECTION A

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Box Hill..... | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| Knox City..... | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Frankston Pines..... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Wilhelmina..... | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Doveton..... | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Northcote..... | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 |

SECTION B

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Polonia..... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Morwell..... | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Falkner..... | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Broadmeadows..... | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| St Albans Dinamo..... | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Western Suburbs..... | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Albion Rovers..... | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 |

ROUND ONE

BOX HILL 2 (Hughes pen 35th, K. Valentine 55th) NORTHCOTE 0 at Wembley Park.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 7 - Hughes 5, Tolmie 8, Lawler 7 (Azzopardi 50th), A. Roadhouse 6 - K. Valentine 7, McLachlan 6, McDonald 7 - Priestley 5, Verchica 7, Kennan 8. Coach: Bill Murray.

NORTHCOTE: Vidacic 5 - Cutler 5, Katsakidis 6, Bozika 7, Mihos 5 - Wilson 6, Wright 6, Culina 6 - Stilydis 5, Micevski 6, Dionisopoulos 7. Coach: Tony Vratz.

(Vojtek 18th, Bruno 69th)

BOADMEADOWS 1

(Watson 20th) at Churchill Reserve.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: Lacoek 7 - Jurtsa 6, Brkjac 7, Nobilo 7, Mecanovic 7 - Pavlovic 6, Vojtek 7, Istuk 7 - Batinovic 7, Bruno 7, Desic 7. Coach: Bill Vojtek.

BROADMEADOWS: Page 5 - Scicluna 4 (Donaldson H.T. 5), Sendra 5, Smart 6, Acosta 4 - Watson 7, Wilson 5 (inj. Ellis 65th), Sacco 5 - Alberto 5, Kuna 8, Vaccaro 5. Coach: Dave O'Connor.

POLONIA 1 (Krysinski 10th) WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Esposito pen. 40th) at Chaplin Reserve.

POLONIA: Lukac 7 - Ujperski 6, Mila 5, Innes 7, Vezsic 6 - Petrov 6, Tront 7, Czapiak 7, Latic 6 - Krysinski 7, Przybyla 6. Coach: John Gardiner.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Johnson 9 - Borg 7, Hamill 7, Dimovski 7, Howe 6 (Constantinou H.T. 6), Esposito 7, Kakantaris 6, Muszal 7, Papachristodolou 7 - Lazopoulos 8, Filipis 7. Coach: Jim Condis.

FAWKNER 4 (Sannipoli 6th, 69th, Cozzella 37th, 68th) ALBION ROVERS 2 (Stuart 45th, D'Sylva 52nd) at A.T.C. Cook Reserve.

FAWKNER: Terzini 5, Sabbadini 6, Vesnaver 6, Fattore 5, Giacomi 5, Palmericciotti 5 (Bozika 50th), Palinkas 7, Angelo 6, Cozzella 7, Lia 7, Sannipoli 6. Coach: Guy Macleod.

ALBION ROVERS: Costello 6, Coyle 6, Stuart 6, Hennessy 5, F.

Macleod 5, Douglas 5 (Reid 60th), Smart 7, Galas 6, McIntyre 5 (Kaddelick 50th), D'Sylva 6, Bennett 5 (McMorrow 60th). Coach: Hugh Murney.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Bakkor penalty 65th) KNOX CITY 2 (Gerrish 10th, Bissinger 60th) at Jubilee Park.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 9 - Pasman 7, Meyer 7, de Kort 6 (Kevin Adams H.T. 4), Varniers 8 - Whyte 6 (Lange 40th), Burton 7, Bakker 7, Shannon 7 - Nyholt 6, Stewart 6. Coach: Rudi van Altena.

KNOX CITY: McTurk 8 - Russell 6, Bissinger 8, Tunstall 7, Dixon 7 - Wild 6, Smith 7, Roddis 7 - Gurney 7, House 7, Gerrish 8. Coach: Eric Lesbirel.

ROUND TWO

ALBION ROVERS 0, BROADMEADOWS CITY 1 (Vaccaro 69th) at Selwyn Park.

ALBION: Costello 6, Galas 5, Stuart 5, Coyle 6, Macleod 5, Hennessy 5, Bennett 5, Saiter 4 (McKordick 55th), Smart 6, McIntyre 5 (Kaddelick 55th), Kelly 7. Coach: Hugh Murney.

BROADMEADOWS CITY: Pace 6, Smart 5, Donaldson 5, Acosta 6, Sendra 5, Watson 7, Wilson 6, Sacco 5, Alberto 5, Kuna 6, Vaccaro 6. Coach: Dave O'Connor.

MORWELL FALCONS 2 (Macleod 25th, Ataratchy 68th) ST ALBANS DINAMO 0 at North Crinigan Reserve.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 7 - Bligh 7, Clarke 8, Higham 7, Train 7 - Y. van Baar 7,

Moore 6 (J. van Baar 45th), Macleod 7, Kent 7 - Ataratchy 7, Callaghan 7. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: Lacoek 7 - Mecanovic 6, Brkjac 7, Nobilo 7, Jurtsa 6 - Istuk 6, Vojtek 6, Pavlovic 7 - Batinovic 7, Bruno 6, Desic 6. Coach: Bill Vojtek.

NORTHCOTE 1 (Dinisopoulos 34th) KNOX CITY 2 (Gurney 18th, Lesbirel 30th) at John Cain Reserve.

NORTHCOTE: Vidacic 5 - Cutler 7, Katsakidis 7, Bazikis 7, Mihos 5 (Constantinou H.T. 5) - Wilson 6, Culina 5, Bozika 5 - Barroto 6, Micevski 6, Dionisopoulos 7. Coach: Tony Vratz.

KNOX CITY: Nobilo 8 - Russell 7, Murray 8, Tinstall 7, Dixon 7 - Aristodemou 7, Lesbirel 8, Roddis 7 - Gurney 8, McTurk 7, Hawthorne 7. Coach: Eric Lesbirel.

WEDNESDAY (Tonight, K.O. 7 pm)

Polonia v. Morwell (draw) at Chaplin Reserve.

Broadmeadows v. Western Suburbs (draw) at Laura Douglas Reserve.

ST ALBANS DINAMO v. Albion Rovers at Churchill Reserve.

SUNDAY (K.O. 3 pm)

BOX HILL v. Wilhelmina at Wembley Park.

Northcote v. Doveton (draw) at John Cain Reserve.

Knox City v. Frankston Pines (draw) at Egan Lee Reserve.

MORWELL v. Falkner at North Crinigan Reserve.

Albion v. POLONIA at Selwyn Park.

Western Suburbs v. ST ALBANS DINAMO at Ralph Reserve.

DOVETON 1 (M. Lennon 30th) BOX HILL 2 (Verechica 25th, 68th) at Waratah Reserve.

DOVETON: Ryan 6 - Gadsby 6, Leates 7, Buchanan 6 (inj. Williamson 45th), Fitzpatrick 6 - Edmondson 6, Miller 6, G. Macleod 5, M. Lennon 6 - Nelson 7, McDonald 7. Coach: Hannay McEachan.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 8 - Hughes 8, Tolmie 6, Davidson 8, A. Roadhouse 7 - K. Valentine 6, McLachlan 7, McDonald 6, Kennan 7 - Verchica 8, Priestley 8. Coach: Bill Murray.

FAWKNER 1 (Palmaricciotti 65th) POLONIA 2 (Liparski 18th, Innes 36th) at A.T.C. Cook Reserve.

FAWKNER: Terzini 7 - Sabbadini 6, Giacomi 6, Collyer 5 (Palmaricciotti 60th), Vesnaver 6, Bozika 5 (Cavallari H.T. 5), G.

Bannon 7, Lia 5 - Palinkas 7, Cozzella 7, J. Sannipoli 5. Coach: Guy Macleod.

POLONIA: Lukac 8 - Liparski 8, Vezsic 5, Mila 7, A. Czapiak 7 - G. Czapiak 7, Tront 7, F. Czapiak 7, Latic 7 - Innes 6 (inj. Horfink 45th), Gibson 7. Coach: John Gardiner.

FRANKSTON PINES 0 RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0 at Monterey Boulevards.

FRANKSTON PINES: Stutchbury 7 - Wilson 7, Livingston 6, Paulding 6, Beech 7 - P. Luca 6, Cooke 7, Miller 6 - McGinnigle 6, O'Halloran 7, Spencer 6 (Boh 55th). Coach: Danny McElhinne.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Janssen 8 - Pasman 6, Varniers 8, Meyer 7, Bakker 7 - Whyte 6, Wells 7 (inj. Caddie 50th), Burton 7, Stewart 7 - Thom 7, Nyholt 5. Coach: Rudi van Altena.



BUFFALO SPORTS

Tzintzis a star in the making

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 1 (Tzintzis 56th) JUVENTUS 1 (Miranda 33rd), crowd about 6500 (double-header). Cautions: Miranda (J). Referee: Evan Venios 3).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER: DER: Kardamitis 6 — McKie 8, Angelo 7, Gabrielson 8, Spanos 7 — Selemidis 7, Amanetidis 5 (Salvo 6, 42nd), Valentinis 7 — Tzintzis 8 (inj. sub. Kraljic 56th), Metaxas 5, Vagias 56th, Patterson 8. Coach: Brian Garvey.

JUVENTUS: Keogh 6 — V. Bannan 8, P. Bannan 7, Miranda 6, Hird 7 — Cullen 6, Lloyd 4 (Swinscoe 62nd), Incantalupo 7 — Sweeney 5, Ward 5, Zinni 7. Coach: John Margaritis.

Pashalis Tzintzis, the young star from South Oakleigh, should win a permanent place in the Heidelberg team because he's fast, enthusiastic, he can beat an opponent and he's a goalscorer.

Not only did he score the equaliser for Heidelberg on Friday, but he also came close after beating two men on a 20-metre solo run just before half time.

Heidelberg played without Gary Cole, Jim Tansey, Jim Campbell, and Jeff Olyvan, who all want transfers: Don Macleod who was suspended and Charlie Yankos who's trialling with Brighton in England.

As a result, the club fielded a makeshift team that included only five senior players.

Juventus missed new signing John Dowie because he was not fit after spending the off-season in Scotland, but with recruits Joe Sweeney, Gary Ward, Richard Miranda and Sean Keogh in the team, Juventus was expected to win convincingly.

Instead, it was largely ineffective in midfield, although Fabio Incantalupo did manage a few intelligent, defence-splitting passes from there.

Sweeney and Lloyd were sluggish up front, and the defence lived dangerously because Miranda strayed too far too often from his stopper's position.

It was a mistake by referee Evan Venios that gave Juventus its goal just before half time. Andrew Zinni hit the post with a shot which bounced out to Miranda. He stumbled and fell on the ball, handling it before it went into the net. Linesman John Fraser signalled the hand-ball offence, but Venios allowed the goal to stand, much to the delight of the Juventus players.

Earlier, Heidelberg left back John Spanos had hit the crossbar with a good shot, and a shot by John Gabrielson, bought from Box Hill

for \$2000, was cleared off the goal line by Harry Hird. Marcelo Salvo, the youth international from the Institute of Sport in Canberra, replaced "Tiger" Amanetidis after half time, and showed off some of his renowned skills.

Shortly afterwards, Scott Patterson beat Vince Bannan and Miranda on a fine solo run, but goalkeeper Keogh turned the shot wide for a corner.

Another example of Venios's poor form in this match was his insistence that Juventus take a free kick over a foul on Rob Cullen, even though by then Cullen's pass already had given Vince Bannan a 10-metre advantage.

Cullen brought the Juventus fans to their feet with a spectacular run down the right wing. He played a one-two with Gary Ward, then crossed the ball, but Ward's header was saved by Spiros Kardamitis.

Then came the equalising goal. Patterson won the ball on the left and played a perfectly-judged square ball in to the goal area where Tzintzis rammed it into the roof of the net.

Juventus coach John Margaritis replaced out-of-form Kevin Lloyd with Kevin Swinscoe, who went to play stopper's position, enabling Miranda to push into midfield.

Tzintzis was hurt in a tackle by Swinscoe and had to be carried off. Let's hope he's fit for the next game. This competition needs more players like him.

Laurie Schwab



Makedonia newcomer Graham Heys

\$12,000 from Buffalo

The inaugural Buffalo Gold Summer Cup, which kicked off last Friday night, carries \$12,000 in sponsorship from Buffalo Sports — \$8000 in prize-money and \$4000 to be used for promotional purposes.

The winning team receives \$4000 and a cup, the runner-up gets \$2000 and each losing semi-finalist gets \$1000.

There also is a Player of the Series award, which will be decided by a panel of journalists who will vote after each match in the competition. The composition of that panel will change from game to game.

The Player of the Series wins a trip for two to Tasmania with two nights' accommodation at Wrest Point casino. This award is sponsored by VSF Travel in conjunction with Ametec Travel.

The Buffalo Gold Summer Cup replaces the Ampol Cup which was 29 years old. Mr. Ian Whitton of Buffalo Sports said that he hoped the association between his company and the VSF would be as successful as that between Ampol and the VSF.

"My hope is that Buffalo Sports will become a household word in soccer circles and will enjoy the same success that the Ampol organisation enjoyed through its involvement in the code," said Mr. Whitton.

To date, Buffalo has sponsored Victorian soccer to the tune of \$116,000.

Murphy wins it

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Murphy 44th) GREEN GULLY AJAX 0 at Olympic Park, Saturday night. Crowd: about 3,000. Referee: Bambridge 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 7, Yzendoorn 7, Blair 7, Kalifatis 7 — Kanessoulis 7, Halford 6, Crino 6, Murphy 7 — Bekiaris 5 (Kalamakis 46th), Brown 6. Coach: Len McKendry.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Danys 7 — Peter Lessis 7, Cannell 7, Short 7, Hogen 7 — Mancinelli 6, Vassallo 6, Boyle 6, Williams 6 — Beranic (inj. Kramers 18th, 5), Smallman 5. Coach: Jimmy Rooney.

Green Gully Ajax administrative strongman,

the 44th minute, and could have added to the scoreline in the last 10 minutes had Jim Kalamakis and then Oscar Crino not tried to score what would have been superb goals, when team mates were close by in far better scoring positions.

However, young Kalamakis impressed. He took over from disappointing Chris Bekiaris in the 46th minute and combined well with Doug Brown on a couple of occasions.

At the other end of the park, sweeper John Yzendoorn, stopper Steve Blair and full backs Bobby Russell and Chris Kalifatis rarely were troubled. Consequently Peter Laumets had a quiet night.

Langer's not wrong when he says that Paul Lewis and Toal were sadly missed. David Smallman rarely was sighted, Dane Beranic was injured early and replaced by Ron Kramers who did little while Fabio Mancinelli never looked comfortable.

Ajax better resolve the Paul Lewis situation soon. Lewis wants to join Hellas but Ajax's starting price is \$30,000. Not bad for a player who came here for \$4500 a couple of seasons ago. One Ajax fan suggested that a swap between Lewis and Hellas striker Charlie Egan, at present overseas, would be a far better proposition for the green and whites. Wishful thinking? Or had the fan heard something we hadn't?

Ajax won't win the inaugural Buffalo Gold Summer Cup without its best two strikers but its defence will maintain the respectability the team has developed over the past few seasons.

—CRAIG MACKENZIE

WINS ARE A MUST FOR JUVE, J.U.S.T.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Footscray J.U.S.T. and Juventus, after dropping points unexpectedly in the first round, have to win at the weekend to revive their semi-final hopes and, more important, to inject some life into the Buffalo Gold Summer Cup.

Juventus may, for the first time, use its latest recruit, John Dowie, against Group B leader Croatia at Olympic Park on Saturday night.

Dowie didn't play in the 1-1 draw with Heidelberg-Alexander because he had only just returned from a holiday in Scotland.

His presence should improve the Juventus midfield, providing he's fit enough.

J.U.S.T. couldn't possibly play as badly again as it did against Croydon, so if its players pull themselves together, they may turn their game against Hellas on Friday into a real contest.

But Hellas should be strengthened by the inclusion of Steve Woodin on the forward line. He was suspended from last week's match against Ajax.

J.U.S.T. needs to have Gary McDowell in the midfield, but with Kyri Kyriakoulas away in Apollo Bay, running his holiday business there, McDowell was required last week to play alongside newcomer Jim Davis as centre back.

The problem could be solved if Igor Hazabent manages to get time off from work. He could play left back, enabling Graham Tutill to move into the middle as sweeper, behind Davis, and McDowell to push into the midfield from where he could dictate play for J.U.S.T.

It remains to be seen whether Charlie Egan returns to Hellas from holidays in time for the game, and whether, indeed, he will be fit enough to play. If Hellas plays without him again, it will have to continue relying heavily on Doug Brown up front — but then, what's new? He scored winning goals galore last season.

Fitness levels are well below par — as is motivation and, in many cases, enthusiasm.

As a mark of respect to the loyal fans who pay their hard-earned cash at the gate, let's hope that changes dramatically this Friday and Saturday.

In the other Friday game, Croydon, which fought so hard for its draw with J.U.S.T., will show just as much resistance against Ajax, but I don't expect as good a result.

Ajax, without Paul Lewis and Bobby Toal up front, had virtually no attack against Hellas, but I think the midfielders, or David Smallman, will provide the breakthrough against Croydon.

The Makedonia v. Heidelberg-Alexander match on Saturday night revolves around what happens on the transfer market during the week.

One thing is certain, Don Macleod, suspended last week, will be back in Heidelberg's defence, meaning Joe Angele or John Spanos probably will push up into the midfield.

Gordon Flavell will return to the Makedonia team after suspension.

As for forecasting the result, I have a slight leaning towards Heidelberg, but I'll go for a draw.



Melbourne Croatia. Back row: Ossie Latif, Rol Blasby, David Brogan, Drago Deankovic, Jozo A Biskic, Keith Adams, Jeff Faulkner, Tommy Cummi

Brogan Cummi

MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Brogan 4th, Cumming 34th, Parton 41st) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 at Olympic Park, Friday night. Crowd: over 6000. Referee: Zoumas 6.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Curcio 8 (Deankovic 65th), Adams 8, Parton 8, Hannah 7 — Biskic 9, Latif 60th, Antolovic 7, Faulkner 7, Gojevic 8 — Cumming 9, Brogan 4. Coach: Terry Hennessy.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Wilson 6 — Ollerton 6 — Balovski 4, Opasinis 5, McMillan 5, Petrovski 4 — Ilioski 5, Ozdanov 6 — Eij, Christou 61st, Campbell 4 — Heys 4, Livingston 4. Coach: Peter Ollerton.

New Croatia coach Terry Hennessy is no sportsman.

He has told his committee that he must have four top quality new players to embark on the club's first National League title campaign.

Now come on Terry. Do you plan to set up the League title or to set up a NSL record winning points margin?

Let's be fair. We want the National League to hold fans spellbound till the final hurdle of the

season. Take last year for example. What a gripping finale we saw with four clubs capable of taking out the championship going into the final round.

That's the sort of thing we all crave. Terry. Not a runaway league winner.

I'm prepared to concede that Croatia could do with two first-rate newcomers but after watching the clinical destruction of old rival Makedonia last Friday night one wonders whether four top class newcomers would get a regular game!

Seriously though, Hennessy no doubt will not get carried away with last week's performance. He won't let his players get carried away either. That's in spite of the fact that this writer has never seen the Tommy Cumming-David Brogan partnership work better.

Sure! Josip Biskic is a cracking winger and he taunted Ljube Petrovski at will, but let's not lose sight of the fact that Cumming and Brogan did it all where it counted, inside the Makedonia area.

Brogan never has looked sharper. He disappointed me at times last season when I always have had the highest regard for his ability but boy oh boy, did he turn it on here.

Makedonia player-coach Peter Ollerton started off as sweeper.

Croydon's 'kids'

CROYDON CITY 0 FOOTSCRAY JUST 0, crowd about 4500 (double header), Saturday night. Cautions: Tutill (JUST), Loughnane (C). Referee: John Stojkovic 8.

CROYDON CITY: Edwards 3 — Loy Saisi 5, Singleton 8, Ormond 8, Marley 5 — Allan 6, Brown 6, Tkachuk 6, Lucio Saisi 6 — Cubitt (inj. sub. Rainey 6, 26th), L. Loughnane 7. Coach: Colin Hasler.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 8 — Stojkovic 5, McDowell 8, Davis 6, Tutill 6 — Curovic 6, Belic 4, O'Donnell 5 — Paton 4, Carroll 7, Lujic 6. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

An elderly gent with white hair and a ruddy complexion remarked as we passed outside Olympic Park before the game that we'd see a big upset in this match.

He obviously knows the qualities of the teenagers brought into the Croydon team to replace Jimmy Rooney, Gus Macleod, Paul Wade, Ian Dobson, Joe Sweeney and others who have departed.

But outside the ground before the game, nothing but an overwhelming JUST victory seemed possible.

We were wrong. The elderly gent was right. In fact, Croydon could have and should have won this match.

In the 46th minute Ian Loughnane delivered a brilliant square ball to Lucio Saisi whose shot, however, was repelled acrobatically by Dennis Boland. The ball rebounded to Loughnane who, this time, hammered it over the bar.

In the 55th minute, Loughnane launched a powerful drive from inside the penalty area and again Boland saved brilliantly. It was he and he alone who prevented utter embarrassment for JUST.



Juventus. Back row: Harry Hird, Sam Greco, Gary Ward, Richard Miranda, Sean Keogh, Paddy Bannan, Gary Clayton, Graham French, Joe Sweeney. Front: Frank Geramia, Rob Cullen, Andrew Zinni, Vince Bannan, Fabio Incantalupo, Kevin Lloyd, Kevin Swinscoe.

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Markovac, George Hannah, Mate Grgic, Peterovic. Front: Tony Curcio, Steve Gojevic, Josip, Sean Parton.

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oydon's young midfield hel- dation efficiently, without ever 2 flashy, and although its full 's were lax in allowing Sulei- Curovic and Zdravko Lujic to a hail of crosses from the 's, its centre backs, Eddie ond and Dave Singleton, dealt bly with those crosses.

e question has to be asked: id JUST persist with the es when it was evident that ey was not going to work? e Paton and Joe Carroll never able to get onto the end of 1 and Vlatko Belic rarely d forward to support them in ir.

less JUST gets one forward 's goal in the air and who s regularly (not like Carroll, il his good qualities), JUST 1 will be one of the lowest- ng teams in the league.

ank goodness for Gary McDo-



Jim Davis

McLachlan wants bargains

Shrewd team- builder Bobby McLachlan of Foot- scray J.U.S.T. is looking interstate for more bargain buys after signing centre back Jim Davis from Makedonia in Perth.

Davis bought for only \$3000, played for East Fife and Cowdenbeath in Scotland before coming to Australia.

Tasmanian Craig Nicholls, 19, from Olympia in Hobart, has been matching J.U.S.T.'s fittest players, Vlatko Belic and Suleiman Curovic in training, but his transfer hit a snag when Olympia demanded \$200 for him.

McLachlan is adamant he will not buy players from Melbourne, because the prices are too high.

"When I was at Ajax, Paul Lewis joined us at an all-up cost of \$1500, yet now not his transfer fee is being quoted at \$30,000," McLachlan said.

"I brought Gary McDowell to J.U.S.T. from Scotland for \$3000, and I could bring over many more like him were it not for the import restrictions.

"Why then, should we pay inflated prices locally?

"It's easy enough to be successful as coach of Hellas, where you've got the money to sign the best players, but that just isn't possible at J.U.S.T.

"Don't get me wrong, though. We'll still have a very good team."

If McLachlan's past record is anything to go by, you have to believe him.

Remember what he did for Ajax!

Makedonia wants Cole, Lucchesi to J.U.S.T.?

Where will Claude Lucchesi go?

The talented Makedonia striker has been in dispute with his club since late last season, and although he continues to train there, it is unlikely he will play for Makedonia again.

Footscray J.U.S.T. was interested in signing Lucchesi, but it depends on the transfer fee.

Lucchesi's contract with Makedonia stipulates a maximum transfer fee of about \$3000, but the club removed the clause, claiming he broke his contract when he went to the U.S. on a business trip last year.

Lucchesi has solicitors challenging the club over its action.

While the matter remains unresolved, Makedonia has signed Graham Heys for \$10,

Brian Garvey takes up the challenge at Heidelberg

By CRAIG MacKENZIE

Brian Garvey wasn't ruffled when he flew in from England to take up his new job as coach of Heidelberg United only to find that star trio, striker Gary Cole, midfielder Jim Campbell and goalkeeper Jeff Olver, couldn't come to terms with the club over new contracts.

"If I had been here for a while and was well versed in the scene it probably would scare me a bit to have so many of last year's first team unavailable," said Garvey.

"But I'm new and I'm fresh. I see the job in front of me as a challenge and with the backing of the committee and players at Heidelberg we'll overcome any problems.

"I've told Gary Cole, Jim Campbell and Jeff Olver that they are all good players and I'd like to see them stay at the club, but if they can't come to terms over new contracts then we may have to part. If we sell them, then we'll have to use the money to replace them with players of similar quality. That's not going to be easy and we'll have to use our money wisely."

As we went to press, Heidelberg was trying to sign Nick Theodorakopoulos from Canterbury-Marrickville, equal top scorer in the 1983 NSW State League.

Talented defender John Gabrielson joined last week from Box Hill for \$2000 and Paul Tzintzis, one of the outstanding forwards in the Victorian Metro Leagues for the past two seasons, joined from South Oakleigh for \$4500.

Derek Lea, Heidelberg's leading scorer last season, may return from Scotland. When Lea flew out of Australia late last year it seemed that he wouldn't return but Garvey is hopeful of getting the little striker back in Heidelberg colors.

Charlie Yankos still is trialling with English Second Division club Brighton and Jim Tahsey wants to leave and can be bought for \$5000.

Don Macleod, after serving a one week suspension when he was sent off in the second leg of the 1983 National Cup, will be available for the remainder of the Buffalo Gold Summer Cup. Macleod missed last Friday night's Summer Cup clash with Juventus.

Garvey was recommended to Heidelberg last year, firstly by Northcote defender Gary Cutler, then by former England manager Ron Greenwood, here for the triangular series against the Socceroos last June.

Garvey's professional playing career spanned 15 years with Hull City, Watford and Colchester. He was player-manager with non-league club Bedford Town then was on the coaching staff at Wolves and Arsenal. He has been assistant coach of the English youths.

Why then, with such an impressive coaching background, did he come to a soccer backwater to continue his career?

"Football in England is undergoing a financial recession. Most clubs are cutting down on their playing staff which means that they also are cutting down on coaching staff. There's not that many jobs available anymore."

While with Bedford Town, Garvey sold Jim Campbell to Oxford United for about \$4000.

"It was good for Jim and good for Bedford. The club needed the money and Jim was given a chance to further himself as a full time professional."

Garvey is pleased with the training facilities at Heidelberg and he praised newly appointed assistant coach Jim Kriaris, the former Heidelberg and Footscray JUST defender.

"Jim and I seem to be on the same wavelength which is great and he seems to have worked the lads hard during a difficult period for the club."

"A successful team has a good blend of experience and youth. We need to develop a sound youth policy but at the same time I'm very aware of the dangers of rushing young lads into the team at too early a stage. Young players must be given time to develop."



New Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey

Peter Lewis and Jim Campbell to join Croatia?

Peter Lewis of Ajax and Jim Campbell were targets of Melbourne Croatia's new coach Terry Hennessy as we went to press.

Croatia still hasn't completed the transfer of stopper Ian Dobson from Croydon. Dobson returned this week from a holiday in his native England has agreed terms with Croatia. At first, Croydon wanted \$15,000 for the quality defender but has dropped its asking price to \$12,000 and won't go any lower.

Croatian fans will be keen to see 23 year old striker Jozo Bogdanovic in action. Bogdanovic, a Hajduk player currently on loan to NK Split, is expected to arrive in Australia within the next three weeks. He will fill one of two visa vacancies at Croatia.

Another Croatian, a former Yugoslav youth international defender is expected to migrate to Australia. Croatia won't release his name yet but club officials have a high regard for him.

Croatia also has shown interest in Heidelberg goalkeeper Jeff Olver and we believe that a cash and player deal, involving young Croatia striker Ossie Latif, has been discussed by both clubs.

Hennessy, who played over 400 games in the English leagues, captaining Nottingham Forest, Derby County and Birmingham City and played 29 games for Wales, 20 as captain, arrived here in December after coaching Tulsa Roughnecks to a 2-0 win in Soccer Bowl '83 over Toronto Blizzard.

Melbourne Croatia beat Heidelberg to the punch in signing Hennessy as coach for 1984.

"I need four new quality players," said Hennessy.

"The standard here is not as high as in the states. On the positive side, players here have a very high work rate and I haven't seen many players who aren't prepared to pull their weight."

"I've got a lot of work to do in the area of general organisation. We've had to go back to basics and I haven't been able, so far, to work on organising us in specific areas. I'll get a good look at the players in the Summer Cup. I want to see them accepting responsibility on the park. I don't mind if mistakes are made. We all make mistakes. I'll be looking for leadership qualities from my players."

Hennessy had intended using just three players at the back, a play which proved effective in the U.S. but he feels he hasn't got the players to



Ian Dobson

suit the style he wants to adopt and until he gets them he'll probably use a standard 4-4-2 formation.

"Players are no different now than what they were in my time. You always find some players who think that they are better than they are and have a belief that they know more than the coach or anyone else. It's been the same with every team I've been associated with."

"I don't mind any players who are cocky and arrogant as long as they produce the goods."

Hennessy also is Croatia's youth team coach. He has told youngsters George Radman and Mate Bozic that at present they don't figure in his first team plans. Hennessy wanted the pair to work with him in the youth team and when he thought they were ready he would put them back in the first team squad. However, it seems that both Radman and Bozic are destined to join new Victorian State League club St Albans Dinamo.

Dennis Morovic also seems set to leave Croatia.

Hennessy will aware of the need for a Croatian backed club to field Croatian players, says that any Croatian good enough will win a place in his side.

"I don't care if a player is Scottish, Irish or Japanese, as long as he produces the goods. Any Croatian players in the first team will be there because they deserve to be there on ability."

"If a player isn't good enough, he won't be selected. I won't be getting the sack for the sake of others who want certain players selected. Everyone selected is done so on the basis of quality."

— CRAIG MacKENZIE

Lawson to move

Sunshine-George Cross sweeper Steve Lawson, 25, is available for transfer at a negotiable fee of \$4,000.

The former Slavia player is a quality sweeper with experience in the Scottish First and Second Divisions. Lawson can be contacted during working hours on 615 1474.

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KAT'S CORNER

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Another triumph in Asia but at home we're going backwards

Our new-look national squad — it included about 10 new faces — won the Merlion Cup in Singapore for the second year, but it was much tougher this time.

The month of December is the rainy season. The grounds are soft and wet, which means your legs get very tired, and the humidity is unbearable.

China was very impressive, and that right winger — Chou Chong Yee, I think his name is — is the fastest thing I've seen on two feet.

We call Graham Jennings "Flash" but compared with this guy, Jennings is dead slow!

Singapore, with super star Fandi, was quite a team, and its 60,000 supporters created an electrifying atmosphere in the final.

Fandi pulled in 40,000 people on his own, would you believe?

Only about 12,000 watched Singapore's first two games, but when Fandi arrived from

Holland, where he plays in the top league, the semis and the final were packed out.

Fandi was God to the Singapore fans!

Of the new Socceroos, Jim Campbell was a worthy national team player, and that goal of his in the final was not a bad effort from a guy trying hard to establish himself at this level.

As for myself, I spent most of the time carrying an injury, after hurting my leg in the second game.

I'd say the best players on tour were Phil O'Connor, Graham Jennings and Tony Henderson.

We're going backwards

Instead of progressing, Australian soccer over the past few years, has been going in the opposite direction.

Crowds have dropped alarmingly!

I know we've been having an economic crisis, but that hasn't affected cricket or Australian Rules.

I remember that cricket was dying a few years ago, yet now, due to professional promotion and TV coverage, it's Australia's No 1 sport, or close to it.

There must be some way to attract to soccer some of the thousands of youngsters who play soccer on Saturday afternoons. TV is the key, of course. Channel 0/28 has been doing everything possible, and it's fantastic to have them with us, but if we had soccer on a commercial station as well, it would be even better.

Everything must be aimed at promotion on a professional level — on TV, in the Press, on radio, and through the clubs themselves. And how about a few touring teams? We've already lost Liverpool and Red Star — but we need a big attraction to draw the crowds.

Melita best newcomer

Of the newcomers to the northern section of the NSL, Melita Eagles should prove to be the toughest opponent.

They've got a good squad, and Alex Jamieson and Billy Griffiths both have been impressive in midfield during the challenge Cup series whose final is to be played tonight (Wednesday).

Croatia, under coach Atilla Abonyi, also has looked good, and despite its 1-3 loss to Olympic last week, it should hold its own in the NSL.

St George and Sydney Olympic have retained powerful squads, so they shouldn't have any worries.

Penrith, the brand new team, has been spending quite a bit on players. Roy Cotton, their star recruit, should be a big asset, and my old mate, Micky Cross, bought from Melita, also will help strengthen Penrith.

The potential of the Penrith area is immense, as thousands of youngsters play soccer there. I believe the interest among the adults also is quite high.

Let's hope Penrith goes well in the NSL, and that the local residents make the turnstiles click.

Bravo Davo, Christopoulos

Congratulations to Alan Davidson and George Christopoulos for their achievements overseas.

Before Alan went to Arsenal, he was offered a contract by mighty Bayern Munich, which is a credit to him, in the light of Bayern's remarkable strength.

As we went to Press, Alan was waiting for a work permit to enable him to play in England — and as far as I know, it was only a matter of days before he got the OK.

George Christopoulos is with AEK Athens where he's slowly breaking into the senior team.

His coach there is Helmut Senekowitsch, the Austrian whom I know from my trial with Olympiakos in 1981.

Don't be surprised if I join



The Rest of the World outfit: Mr Joseph Docherty (manager), Mr Gary McDowell (resident physician), Mr Noel Mitten, Mr Joseph Sweeney, Mr Michael Gaut esq. (stern official), Mr Gus Macleod, Mr John Gardiner, Mr Hugh Murney, Mr Michael McGorian, Mr Patrick Bannon, Mr David Brooks, Mr George Orrock (stretcher bearer), Mr Donald Macleod, Mr William Morrey, Mr Terry Adkins (stern official), Mr Luther Kastner, Mr David Rand (stern official), Mr Steven Marley (stretcher bearer). Reclining: Mr Gordon Cameron (left), Mr Tarak Gunerli.



A comic interlude — Mr James Tansey, whose "eyebrows" appear to meet in the middle.

A jolly fine show by the colonial centenarians

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

AUSTRALIA 4 (Mr Ollerton 2, Mr Rooney, Mr Vojtek) REST OF THE WORLD 1 (Mr Sweeney). Nostalgia match at Olympic Park. Referee: Mr Michael Gaut esq.

AUSTRALIA: Mr Reilly — Mr Russell, Mr Tansey — Mr Vincent Bannon, Mr Irvine, Mr Rooney — Mr McMeechan, Mr Armstrong, Mr Ollerton, Mr Vojtek, Mr Keenan. Manager: Mr Joseph Docherty. Resident Physician: Mr Gary McDowell.

REST OF THE WORLD: Mr

Kastner — Mr Tarak, Mr Brooks — Mr Murney, Mr Donald Macleod, Mr Patrick Bannon — Mr McGorian, Mr Gus Macleod, Mr Sweeney, Mr Gardiner, Mr Mitten.

An aristocratic display from the green and gold Antipodean army, marred only by an unfortunate exchange of fisticuffs from Messrs Keenan and Murney in the second period of play, highlighted this nostalgia match to mark the opening of the Victorian Soccer Federation's centenary year celebrations.

The altercation between Messrs Keenan and Murney was quickly quelled by Mr Michael Gaut esq., who altogether officiated in his now customary authoritative manner. Mr Gaut's whistlemanship was a delight to behold and he had little hesitation in expelling the scoundrels from the field of play.

The startling trickery of Messrs Ollerton, Rooney and Vojtek was breathtaking, a balm to the mind in this sad age of on-field thuggery.

The herculean efforts of Mr Hamilton McMeechan, cruelly clipped from behind by an unknown assailant shortly after the respite, must be greatly commended. This diminutive ball master displayed the stuff that this



A master in action — Mr Hamilton McMeechan. colony is famed for by battling on in true pioneering fashion.

Mr Peter Ollerton, a youngster of great promise, prodded the scoreboard attendant into action with a firm, forward forehead thrust at the ball in the first period. It could well be that that particular part of the human anatomy may be put to far more use over the next few years, what with the many entrepreneurial rascals exerting an increasingly improper influence over the direction of this once gentlemanly code of association football.

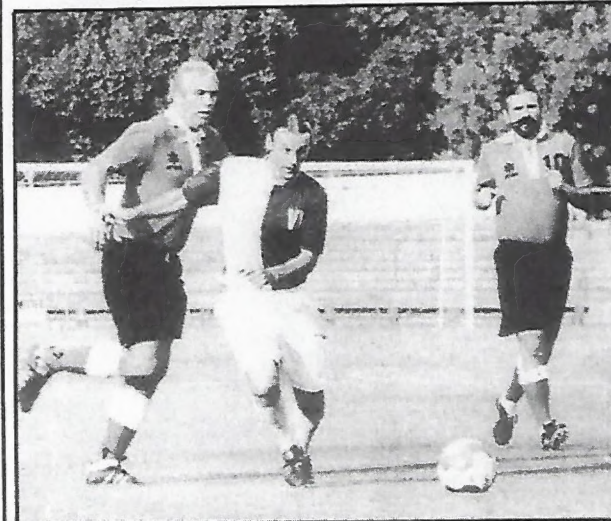
Mr Rooney sent the parochial colonial supporters into an extended period of warm applause when he scored the second goal of the contest shortly after Mr Ollerton's success.

A minor rally by the Rest of the World eleven, highly commendable after their inability to effectively encroach upon the resolute Australian rear-guard in the first period of play, nonetheless was short lived. Mr Sweeney, a swarthy, powerful gent from the mother country, whose entry to this colony was couched in a "chain" of dubious circumstances, gave supporters of the empire a faint hope of a firm revival when he defied the athleticism of the gallant Mr Reilly to gain a goal for the Rest of the World. Alas, such hope was dashed when Messrs Vojtek and Ollerton replied in true cavalier fashion. When Mr Gaut signalled the finale with a short, sharp puff of his whistle, the scoreboard read Australia 4, Rest of the World 1.

Let us hope that many more such contests are organised by the far sighted officials of our association football federation. The fine body of gentlemen who give eagerly of their time and assets to promote this stirring sport deserve the highest accolade. Well



Australia's Mr William Vojtek (left) stoutly challenged by Mr Tarak Gunerli.



Mr James Rooney (central) delightfully sidesteps Mr Patrick Bannon



As teenage stars with SM-Hellas — Alan Davidson (front), now at Arsenal, and George Christopoulos (middle), of AEK Athens. Will Steve Blair (top) go next?

Attention, all Whistlers!

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Victoria, back row: Stan Slazyk (team manager), Bill Beveridge (physiotherapist), Oscar Crino, Peter Laumets, Steve Blair, Jeff Olver, Peter Lewis, Zarko Odzakovic, Stefan Mila, Gary Cole, Tim White (coach). Front row: Josip Biskic, Carl Halford, Keith Adams, Tommy Cumming, Jim Campbell (captain), John Yzendoorn, Ken Murphy, Paul Lewis. Pictures by LES SHORROCK



Victorian striker Gary Cole

A snub and a super sub for Germans

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

VICTORIA 1 (Cole 47th)
WEST BERLIN 2 (Schure 74th, Clavis 83rd) at Olympic Park. Crowd: About 4000.
Referee: Jim Fearn 7.

VICTORIA: Oliver 7 — Peter Lewis 7, Blair 6, Yzendoorn 6, Adams 5 — Cumming 7, Odzakovic 7, J. Campbell 7 (inj. Crino 66th), Murphy 7 (Biskic 78th) — Cole 7, Paul Lewis 5.
Coach: Tim White.

WEST BERLIN: Bechem 8 — Goersdorf 6, M. Schmidt 9, Schroeder 7, J. Schmidt (inj. Beyer 26th, 6) — Eke 6, Stark 7, Hornig 8, Meithig 5 — Schure 7, Wilhelm 4 (inj. Clavis 76th). Coach: Freidhelm Haebermann.

West Berlin claimed after the match that it was snubbed by the VSF, which failed to stage a reception in an upstairs lounge at Olympic Park, but it received a bigger snub from the Victorian soccer public.

This match, which kicked off Victorian soccer's centenary celebrations, was poorly advertised and the Germans weren't good draw-

Manchester United touring later this year isn't just that — talk.

The Germans weren't great at the back. Poor finishing from Paul Lewis and two fine saves from goalkeeper Ulli Bechem kept the contest scoreless at half time.

The Germans would have undeservedly led at the break had top scorer Rainer Schure made more of his one-on-one chance against Victorian goalkeeper Jeff Olver in the 40th minute.

The best midfielder on show was West Berlin's Michael Hornig but there was no real class difference between these outfits.

Cole, looking trimmer than ever and destined for a great season, put Victoria ahead two minutes into the second half. The big striker got free on the right and was sent clear by captain Jim Campbell. Bechem came off his line but Cole kept calm, neatly slotting the ball into the near corner.

Schure again broke clear and made no mistake when confronted by just Olver in the 74th minute.

Then West Berlin coach Freidhelm Haebermann made a vital switch. He took off Thorsten Wilhelm and put on Torsten Clavis, a youngster who may develop into a Bundesliga player. Clavis, supported by midfielders Hornig and Peter Stark, exploited the space opening up down Berlin's right flank.

Victorian sweeper John Yzendoorn, under pressure, tried to pass back in the 83rd minute but only succeeded in setting up unmarked Clavis whose low shot from inside the area proved to be the winner.



Victoria stopper Steve Blair (centre) crashes past Michael Schmidt (left) and Rainer Schure to head clear as Mario Miethig (right) looks on.

Record crowd sees Falcons hold Berlin

Morwell Falcons attracted a Gippsland record soccer crowd of 2500 to their 1-1 draw with West Berlin at North Crinigan Reserve in Morwell.

Midfielders John O'Callaghan and Jim Mclean and goalkeeper Bill White-side starred for Morwell, while midfielder Ronald Beyer and full back Bernd Goersdorf excelled for West Berlin.

The Germans were reduced to 10 men when midfielder Mario Miethig was sent off over a spirited tackle mid-way through the second half.

Striker Rainer Schure gave West Berlin the lead in the first half, but Bobby McGuinness of Morwell equalised with a header in the 65th minute.

The match was Morwell's first major engagement under new coach Jimmy Dunne, the former Brisbane City and Green Gully Ajax defender.



Victorian captain Jim Campbell exchanges pennants with West Berlin captain Peter Stark. In the centre is referee Jim Fearn.



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Polonia threat to Blacktown; Bankstown, Auburn rebuilt

By ALEX VESIC

Of all the NSL clubs in the second round of the NSW Ampol Cup, Blacktown faces the biggest threat.

The Demons are drawn to meet the talented ball-players of Polonia at Marconi Stadium on Friday — and with men like the Gariowski brothers, Sobczyk and Kowalczyk in the team, Polonia could cause an upset.

Another interesting second-round game is between arch-rivals Yugal and Croatia at Marconi Stadium on Friday.

The second round games, with likely winners in capitals, are:

At St George Stadium, Friday from 6.45 pm: Wollongong v APIA-LHARDT, SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v Canterbury.

At Marconi Stadium, Friday from 6.45 pm: Blacktown v POLONIA, MARCONI v Sutherland.

At St George Stadium, Sunday from 6.45 pm: Yugal v CROATIA, Bankstown v SYDNEY OLYMPIC.

At Melita Stadium, Sunday from 6.45 pm: Penrith City, Melita Eagles v ST GEORGE BUDAPEST.

Round one details:

Polonia 2

Avala 0

Scorers: Lumsdaine, Sobczyk.

Without Galas and Geekie at

the back or Smith up front, Polonia faced a "brand new" Avala side. In fact Avala had at the time of this match some 22 players on transfer.

Among those transfer-listed are Ahrens, Barton, Pateron, Deller, Muniz and Housseini.

John Lembray is nursing an injury, while Paul Burrows has decided to go for an operation on his knee before returning to football.

With all those hassles, Lalic fielded a makeshift side which did well enough.

Nikola Duvnjak (ex-Marconi), who came into the side virtually without training, was prominent during the opening spell, but could not carry on. Gary Bateman also returned after a three-year absence from soccer with Rodic, Kodor and Milenkovic making first team appearances.

For Polonia it was a matter of keeping last year's side intact, but Geekie left for Auburn and Smith might follow. With David Zeman at the helm at Polonia, things just might work a little better for the side.

Former Socceror Zeman is a strong disciplinarian and will take no less than top effort. With the amount of skill at Polonia a little more effort



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powerful drive from the spot to make it 1-0.

Auburn-Uruguay

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Inter Monaro 0

Scorer: Terra.

A corner kick by McDermid in the 42nd minute saw Terra trap the ball inside the box, then blast his shot wide of Canzanariti to give Auburn its slender but important victory.

With Parfitt, Rosano, Geeke, Banalis and Dene as new faces in the side, Auburn-Uruguay was even with, if not better in patches than its visitors. It was in the opening 15 minutes that Auburn struck a very good patch but failed to convert its superiority.

In the last 15 minutes it was all Inter as Vieri led his side forward. Rosano, in goal for Auburn, had a lot to do and he made some outstanding saves to keep his side in front. His save from Cobertaldo in the closing stages will be talked about for some time as he flew high to fingertip a curling shot from Monaro's striker.

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(Terre 42nd) INTER

MONARO 0.

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INTER-MONARO: Canzanariti, Domaze, Tovic, Florin, Santola, Francis, Andakovic Shaw, Djordjevi, Cobertaldo, Popovic (Vieri 51), Monteroso.

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL 1 (Moerani pen. 35th) KU-RING-GAI 0.

BANKSTOWN: Giffin, Kennedy, Blackburn, Agostino, Dalton, Moerani, Coates, Parker, Badawy (Cardillo 60), Hassan (Siret 75).

KURINGAI: Duncan, Kavan, Turnbull, Beaman, Mortlock, Jessa, Seach, Williamson, Jeffery, Bass (Hunter), Davidson.

AVALA 0 POLONIA 2 (Lumsdaine, Sobczyk (P)).

POLONIA: Grinfield, Sigel, Loo 41, Foulkes (Giesick 41), Grassas, Vandenberg, I. Gariowski, Z. Gariowski, Nowak, Sobczyk, Kowalczyk, Lumsdaine.

AVALA: Milenkovic, Brown, D. McKenzie, C. McKenzie, Vujinovic, Kodor (Djursic), Rodic (Yousaph), Duvnjak, Rodriguez, Bateman, Milne.

SUTHERLAND 2 (Dalforno 18th, Hargraves 55th) MANLY 0.

SUTHERLAND: Dart (Mverckick), Hasford, Watkins, Schumann, Dalforno, Cashman, Rogers, Harrington, Grooms, Cooper (Johnstone), Hargraves.

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Croydon arrives, Macleod adds bite to Fawkner

The clear-out at Croydon and new coaches at Fawkner, Polonia, Morwell Falcons, Broadmeadows and Croydon have been the major off-season moves in the Victorian State League.

Croydon made a bold bid for inclusion in this year's NSL at the end of last season yet in just a few months, its 1983 first team squad has been decimated. New coach Colin Hasler faces the bleak prospect of trying to replace Gus Macleod, Jimmy Rooney, Joe Sweeney, Paul Wade, Ian Dobson, Gary Hobson, Reno Lia and Steve McCombe. Dobson, Wade, Hobson and McCombe still are tied to Croydon but all want to move.

Wade will join Rooney at Greengully Ajax, provided Croydon drastically lowers its asking price of \$15,000. That was the same figure that Croydon first asked for Dobson, who has agreed terms with Melbourne Croatia. Since then, Croydon has come down to \$12,000 of its talented stopper but won't go lower. Dobson arrived back from England yesterday (Tuesday).

McCombe has been training with newly promoted Metro First Division club North Dandenong, and is likely to join. Mike Rainey may move to Morwell while Mark Brown and Terry Nolan reportedly want to move. Hobson, Croydon's left back, was set to sign for Fawkner, whose new coach, Gus Macleod, was under the impression that Hobson had a maximum transfer fee of \$2,000 in his contract. We understand that Croydon now wants \$6,000 for Hobson, who may go to the VSF Appeals Board over the deal. Sweeney joined Juventus for \$7,000 and may be replaced by Juventus striker Graham French who has been training with Croydon. Former Croydon player David Cork, who played with Ringwood Wilhelmina last season, was training with Croydon, but we hear that Canberra City coach Doug Collins has shown interest in Cork. Collins is a former Sydney Olympic coach and Cork has played with Olympic.

Gus Macleod is determined "to add more dig to the Fawkner side this year." He's signed Ged Bannon from Juventus for \$3,000, stri-



Fawkner's new signing from Juventus, aggressive midfielder Ged Bannon.

Morton, Klaus fun-time coaches in Tasmania

By WALTER PLESS

The big news in Tasmanian soccer is the appointment, by two Cadbury State League (South) clubs, of full-time coaches.

Juventus-Pioneer, last year's champion, has appointed Ken Morton as its full-time coach, while Olympia, third last season, has appointed Otto Klaus on a full-time basis.

Morton, who has coached Wollongong and Heidelberg in the NSL over the past three seasons, takes over from Peter Brine at Juventus and will be in overall charge of all the club's teams, from the senior side down to the juniors.

His main responsibility will, of course, be the senior side, but he will be directly responsible to him.

Otto Klaus replaced Brian MacKay at Olympia and his responsibilities at the Greek club will be similar to those of Morton at Juventus.

Klaus, who has coached in New South Wales, has been in charge of Northern State League side Ulverstone for the past two seasons. Ulverstone won the Ampol Cup during Klaus' first season with the club in 1982.

The two full-time appointments are radical but welcome moves in Cadbury League soccer and will, hopefully lead to an improvement



Ken Morton

return to Tasmanian soccer should generate some much-needed publicity in the local media. He always has managed to generate this in the past when coaching in Hobart and there is no reason for it not to happen again.

Rapid-West Point, runner-up last season in the League and winner of the 'Top Four' competition, has appointed David Crosson as coach following the Immigration Department's decision to grant him permanent residency status.

Croatia-Glenorchy's new coach is former player and State representative, Frank Letec. He finished his playing career with the club in 1982 and in previous years was Caledonians in the top flight.

Metro-Clearmont and University retain their coaches of last season, Barry Shacklady

who had been reappointed at the end of last season.

Phoenix, newcomer to the League in 1984, retains its coach of last season, Jerome Marron, while relegated club White Eagles will have Alastair Payne as its coach.

Payne, a life-member of Croatia-Glenorchy, joined White Eagles last year as a player after being unable to hold down a regular place in Croatia's senior team.

Several of Tasmania's top young players may be lost to the State this season as they attempt to make the grade on the mainland. It is a trend that is becoming more and more common following the success of Angelo Ambrosino (Canberra Arrows) and Luciano Fabrizio (Brisbane City), both formerly with Juventus-Pioneer.

Carlo Ambrosino, Angelo's cousin, has been accepted by the Australian Institute of Sport for 1984 and his departure will be a severe blow to Juventus-Pioneer as the club tries to retain its Cadbury League title.

White Eagles has lost its most talented player, Andrew Leszczynski. The 19-year-old striker has joined Brisbane Lions. He was selected in the Australian Schoolboy side after the national trials last season.

Ibro Cabut, an up-and-coming star of Croatia-Glenorchy, accompanies Carlo Ambrosino to Canberra and is believed to be trying out for one of the Arrows' junior or re-

Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

The news about Bruno Sabidussi is not so good. He still is recovering from a serious knee ligament problem and may not play this season. Brother Carlo, along with Slobodan Popovic and Milan Kojic, is transfer listed. Jim Kondarinos has retired.

Macleod, unusually reticent, wouldn't name the former Aston Villa attacking midfielder he expects will fill a visa vacancy at Fawkner this year.

NSL clubs have shown interest in signing striker Ian Tuffield, at present overseas, but he has indicated that he'll stay with Fawkner. His father Colin, is Fawkner's team manager.

Macleod is pleased with the work done to date by his coaching cohort Billy Milne who is revamping the youth side of things at the club.

Morwell Falcons, under new coach Jimmy Dunne, the former Fulham, Torquay, Green Gully Ajax, Brisbane City and Erie international defender, have signed sweeper Gerry Clarke and striker Russell Atcherysch from overseas. Steve Moore from Northcote for \$4,000 and Chris Kent, the former Wilhelmina, South Melbourne Hellas and Adelaide City left winger, Atcherysch, 21, is a former Chesterfield apprentice.

Billy Whiteside, Harry Bingham, John Higham, Jim Train, John O'Callaghan, Jim Maclean, Bobby McGuinness and Tony van Baar remain from last year.

New State League club Western Suburbs splashed out \$3,000 for Hellas player Steve Kakantonis. Suburbs also have signed Bill Laxopoulos for \$1,500 and Alex Filippis for \$1,500. Both forwards came from Metro Fourth Division club Hawthorn Citizens.

Ray Pocock, who joined Suburbs last season from Heidelberg Bundora, wants to coach in Queensland. Despite the almost certain loss of Pocock, Suburbs coach Jimmy Condilis still has experienced Billy Johnson, Hugh Howe, Andy Esposito and Frank Mussel to fall back on. Billy Hammill from Altona City

also has joined Suburbs, for a \$1,500 transfer fee.

Condilis wouldn't release the name of a former Everton apprentice, a striker, who he has been in contact with recently.

"Our aim is to survive first and foremost then try to establish ourselves in State League," said Condilis.

Suburbs have worked hard over the past few months to upgrade their home ground at Ralph Reserve. Parking for 600 cars will be ready for the kick-off to the 1984 season and the club is building a small stand to seat 350.

Box Hill, after retaining the services of coach Bill Murray late last week, looks set for a fine season. Murray was offered the job as coach of the Hellas youth team but declined.

Richard Miranda and John Gabrielson were the only losses from last year's Box Hill first team squad as we went to press. Miranda crossed to Juventus for \$4,000. Gabrielson went to Heidelberg for \$2,000.

The Hillmen welcomed 21 year old former Walsall striker Steven Smith from England last week. Smith has played in Finland and South Africa.

There's doubt about veteran stopper Donald Brownlie playing this year. Coach Murray is trying out Ray Tolin as a sweeper with Don Lawler as centre half. Regular right back Ian Roodhouse will be operated on this week for a groin complaint. Andy Hughes has been filling in at right back and has been doing well.

Pedro Ramos, Box Hill's skilful midfielder, won't play for the next three weeks. He's recovering from a leg injury.

Northcote has signed Mike Mircewski from Altona Gate for \$2,000. Spiro Tsetsos, Jim Sahinidis and Peter Constantinou all look like leaving but coach Tony Vrzina has been filling in. Bullen striker Laurie Bonarotte.

Regular first team goalkeeper John Giannopoulos is on holidays and second string goalie Larry Ostrowsky is transfer listed at \$1,300.

Mark Wilson, Sammy Wright and Colin Quigley should stay but Quigley still has two weeks of a four game suspension to serve. The result of being sent off against Fawkner in the last league game of 1983. Stopper John Creany still is overseas.

Knox City coach Eric Lesbiere hopes to sign former Slavia player Billy Brindley, who was player-coach of Metro club Coburg last season.

Lesbiere also wants to sign Peter Killey, a 26 year old winger from Manly in NSW. Killey is on a free, but Knox better get in quick because the talented forward has trained at Croydon.

Ringwood United, Serbia striker, Terry Masters, seems hesitant to join and Lesbiere has high hopes for youngsters Luke Russell, a 16 year old defender, and striker Colin Hawthorne.

Lesbiere goes overseas on business next week. During his month long absence, assistant coach Trevor Owen will be in charge.

Ringwood Wilhelmina seems certain to lose Dave Gibson, Dave Brooks, David Cork and Graham Haupt. Eddie Pena has returned to Sydney and striker Neil Garvey signed with Fawkner this week.

Wilhelmina has received permission from Moreland to try out Steve Chetkutti but Paul Corke of Doveton looks like being Wilhelmina's main target right now. Coach Rudi van Alphen has spoken to Corke and Doveton.

The Doves, having already lost Sean Keogh and John Dowie to Juventus, seem certain to also lose long serving defender Peter Thurlow to Frankston. Pines for \$3,000. Striker Ian Stinton and midfielder or defender Graham Watson are due back from Scotland any day now.

Stan Webster was undecided about his future as we went to press. Webster can't come to terms with the Doves over a new contract and Morwell Falcons have shown interest in



New Morwell forward Chris Kent — in action for his old club Hellas.



Steve Kakantonis — joined Suburbs from Hellas for \$3,000.



Croydon midfielder Paul Wade — trying to join Green Gully Ajax.

crossing to Doveton — Michael Laletas and Robert Savio. The Doves also have signed Tom Fitzpatrick on a free from Knox City and Gerry Edmondson on a free from Richmond.

Doveton coach Hammy McMeachan is believed to be interested in signing Northcote stopper Bob Provan, who stood out of soccer last season. Provan believes that he should get a free. Northcote thinks differently. That argument may have to be thrashed out in front of the Appeals Board.

As we went to press Frankston Pines had retained

Dean Hennessy from Albion and Paul Campbell from Kew could be seen in Pines colors this year.

John Hodgson has quit as Pines president after a dispute with the committee. Jim McCrudden is the new boss

list shortly.

O'Connor is looking at a defensive midfielder from the Metro First Division and a State League striker and some of the current first team squad members may be transfer listed shortly.

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City, Lions relegated in Qsld reshuffle

Queensland's NSL Clubs, Brisbane City and Lions, have been relegated from the State's top local competition — the Premier League — after a bitter wrangle which had the Queensland Soccer Federation in turmoil.

But in a compromise deal, worked out as a final attempt to get the local season going, City and Lions will not be barred from being promoted back into the competition.

In fact there now will be automatic promotion and relegation in all divisions.

Originally it was recommended by the four-man restructuring committee chaired by QSF president Ian Brusasco, that the two NSL clubs never be allowed to play in the top Queensland competition.

The committee also recommended that clubs should not be promoted until the management committee was satisfied that they met pre-set criteria.

Some clubs feared the management committee would apply regional promotion and prevent teams from moving up until another in the same area was relegated.

Although Lions finished fourth in the Premier League last year, and City last, both clubs' reserve teams now will play in the new intermediate league, which under the new format adopted last week will be the second of only two 10-team semi-professional leagues in Queensland.

All other clubs not selected in either the Premier League or the Intermediate League have been put into the amateur leagues.

The placement of the reserve teams of the two NSL clubs and regional promotion and relegation were the major issues which turned plans to restructure the federation into one of the biggest bunfights in Queensland soccer history.

There was also strong opposition from a group of clubs which did not want to go amateur.

The clubs rallied together and displayed a solidarity which stunned QSF officials.

They were successful in that the QSF management committee was unable to gain the necessary two-thirds majority to implement the constitutional changes needed to introduce the restructuring proposals.

The wrangle split the federation down the middle and left soccer the laughing stock of other Queensland football codes.

The opposing clubs came up with a proposals which called for three-eight team semi-professional leagues, and a new

league Cup competition to supplement the season.

But that proposal was soundly defeated at last week's meeting.

Instead the clubs opted, almost unanimously, to back a management committee resolution for the 1984 season which contained many of the restructuring proposals and the promotion-relegation compromises.

— RICKY ROSSO

MARCONI STILL LOOKS DEADLY

Marconi's Vic Bozanic looks like hanging his boots for good due to pressure in business. Allan Maher is about to join Penrith and Tom Sermeni wants to follow Doug Collins to Canberra, but Marconi wants \$20,000 for him and Canberra does not seem to have that much.

Paul Degney, three times retired, is on the Marconi's transfer list and so are Dennis Colusso and Tony Veneri. Still, Marconi looks venomous in attack with Brown, Winn, Licata, Jankovics and maybe David Lowe from Newcastle vying for spots.

If Jankovics moves to midfield and Lowe does move to Marconi, coach Les Scheinfeldt will have to decide whom to leave out, rather than struggle to find players to fit into certain spots.

Midfield will remain much the same, with Sermeni most probably continuing with the club. McCulloch and Carbone or Jankovics will partner Sermeni Henderson and Calderan would play in the centre of the defence and Djordjevic and Rizzotto in the fullback spots.

That would leave Budini, Giannone, Maurizio Licata and Marino looking for that odd game during the season.

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Azzurri plays Dunn, West Ad. fuming!

By FRANK PANGALLO

Controversy marked the opening round of the 1984 South Australian Ampol Cup series, now in its 25th year.

State League club Azzurri shell-shocked West Adelaide fans and officials by including stopper Robbie Dunn, who is in dispute with Hellas, in its opening line-up.

Hellas has a \$25,000 bounty on Dunn but Dunn claims a clause in his contract allows

him to be cleared to a Perth club of his choice for \$3000 (see if you can work out the kind of logic in that!).

Hellas officials are still seeing but in the end it made no difference to the result as Azzurri was sunk by a Graham



South Australian Ampol Cup

Hellas always did look the better of the two teams, although Azzurri often promised so much only to waste possession.

Azzurri introduced new signings Dave Ouwkerk, Andy Knowles, Tony Radford and Andy Knowles.

Teams and ratings:

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS
— Sprout 8; Papasoglou 8; Marcopoulos 7; McGachey 8; Honeyman 7; Totsikas 8; Stefanopoulos 7; Panagis 7; Malavazos 7; Stametopolous 8; Constantopolous, 8.
AZZURRI — Miller 7; Dunn 8; Ouwkerk 8; O. Michelen 8; Batchelor 7; Boffa 7;

Francis 8; S. Michelen 7; Radford 6; Bajczuk, Wilda, 7.

Beograd and Birkalla got the Silver Anniversary Ampol Cup series off to a dull start with a colorless 1-1 draw.

Rothmans League champion Beograd hit the front with a scintillating swerving free kick by specialist banana-ball bender Adrian Santrac in the 70th minute.

Four minutes later Birkalla replied with an equally ferocious 25-metre drive by Terry Hayes.

BEGRAD: Pasquini 7; Kalinovic 8; Groves 7; Miller 7; Harwood 8; Walsh 7; Ruzmir 8; Toland 7; Signore 8; Santrac 7; Arzena 6.

BIRKALLA: Green 7; Plotrus 8; Harge 8; Wickstein 8; Tobin 7; Amarato 8; Hayes 7; Mahony 6; Pepper 7; Mohring 6; Joy 6.

LA NUOVA LEGA NAZIONALE È UNA FORMULA VINCENTE

Questa è la prima edizione del giroale per il 1984 quindi la prima occasione per augurare "Buon Anno" a tutti i lettori di "Viva Italia" e a tutte le squadre che tengono alto il nome del calcio italiano in questo continente.

Il 1984 sarà un anno molto particolare che potrebbe addirittura significare una svolta decisiva nella storia del calcio "Aussie": la nuova formula della Lega Nazionale è indubbiamente indovinata.

I due giri formati quest'anno hanno salvato il concetto di un torneo a livello nazionale e reso possibile un maggior numero di partite "cittadine". Per fortuna che qualcuno ha capito che il male della Lega Nazionale non era tanto le spese di viaggio che le squadre dovevano sostenere ogni quindici giorni per le trasferte interstatali, quanto il fatto che non si poteva spostare migliaia di tifosi da una città all'altra.

A parte i pochi "derby" cittadini, la maggior parte delle partite di Lega Nazionale venivano disputate di fronte al pubblico di casa soltanto. Il nuovo assetto significherebbe invece chera' invece che la maggior parte degli incontri di Lega Nazionale avverranno di fronte ai tifosi di tutte e due le squadre, almeno per quello che riguarda le squadre di Melbourne e di Sydney. Per quelle di Brisbane e Adelaide, purtroppo, non si è potuto far

molto, ma almeno la loro situazione non è peggiorata.

Per di più da quest'anno la Lega Nazionale è finalmente la massima divisione dell'intero calcio australiano e non una "bottega quasi chiusa": un sistema di promozione e relegazione l'ha agganciato alle varie leghe inferiori.

Melbourne dovrebbe essere il centro a beneficiare maggiormente di questo provvedimento. La promozione alla massima divisione di squadre come Croatia, Juventus George Cross e Green Gully ha ricreato un nucleo di squadre dalle grandi tradizioni (con una brillante nuova arrivata come il Green Gully) per risvegliare l'interesse delle grandi masse.

Purtroppo però questa brillante soluzione adottata nelle ristrutturazioni della Lega Nazionale coincide con la ulteriore stretta di vite alle importazioni di giocatori dall'estero, ne i club hanno messo in mostra molta fantasia nel riempire i pochi posti ammessi per gli "stranieri". Qualche giocatore di gran nome dall'Italia, dalla Grecia, dalla Jugoslavia e da Malta avrebbe accesso ancora di più

l'entusiasmo delle folle e scosso anche le moltitudini di indifferenti. Invece il mercato calcistico è stato dominato dai soliti nomi, dalle solite mediocrità e dalle promozioni in massa dei giocatori delle quattro squadre di Lega Statale che hanno fatto il salto in Lega Nazionale.

E non parliamo dei prezzi! Gente come GARY Cole e Paul Lewis hanno etichette di \$30,000 ciascuno (sufficiente per portare un'intera squadra di scozzesi alcuni anni fa), ed alcune mediocrità sono diventate celebrità a forze di biglietti da mille!

Speriamo almeno che i club sbiano il senso di spendere qualche migliaio di dollari in più per dei buoni allenatori chi sviluppano il talento locale in modo che fra qualche anno potremo avere un fiorire di campioni nostrani; questo è lo scopo delle restrizioni sulle importazioni, ma non sarebbe la prima volta che le intenzioni della federazione non combaciano con l'agire dei club.

VIVA ITALIA! with ROCKY DI ZIO



La Juventus, per esempio, intenzionata a rinforzare la squadra ed a spendere una cifra non indifferente a questo scopo, non ha avuto molta scelta ed ha fatto degli acquisti a caro prezzo: Ward (dal Preston), Sweeney (dal Croynon), Miranda (dal Box Hill), Dowie a Keogh (dal Doveton) sono costati intorno a \$30,000. «Non hanno ancora risolto tutti i problemi della squadra poiché s'è ovvio dalle prime battute del campionato che per andar bene vorrebbero almeno altre due buoni difensori, che però sono difficili da reperire sul limitato mercato locale.

L'esordio stagionale della Juventus edizione Lega Nazionale, venerdì scorso nella Coppa Notturna (che non si chiama più "Ampol Cup", ma bensì "Buffalo Gold Summer Cup") non è stato molto felice nonostante il puntarello racimolato con il fortunoso pareggio contro l'Heidelberg.

La squadra, oltre ad essere a corto di condizione, che è cosa normale all'inizio di stagione, ha mancato completamente d'intesa perché i nuovi arrivati hanno imposto ulteriori cambiamenti di posizione. Gli attaccanti Ward e Sweeney, hanno spedito in centrocampo gli ex attaccanti Cullen ed Incantalupo; il nuovo centrocampista Miranda è andato a fare il difensore... ed i vecchi difensori sono andati a fare il centrocampista.

Margaritis si trova così con una squadra completamente nuova a centrocampo ed in attacco e dovrà sudare per imboccare la formazione giusta ed il modulo di gioco giusto, almeno da quanto si è visto venerdì sera. La difesa, senza Drinockzy al centro (il centromediano ha riportato la frattura di un piede in un incidente stradale) ha il problema contrario: pochi uomini e quindi nessuna alternativa ammenoché non si faccia qualche altro acquisto.

Il fatto di avere di fronte un Heidelberg imbottito di giovani riserve non è stato, tutto sommato, un vantaggio poiché i ragazzi si sono impegnati allo spasimo, sorretti da una migliore tenuta, ed hanno messo in serie difficoltà i legnosi atleti in bianconero.

La prima linea di Ward, Sweeney e Zinni, una volta raggiunta la forma è trovata l'intesa, appare però formidabile abbastanza da dar filo da torcere a molte difese.

Incantalupo e Cullen sono ottime alternative. Se uno dei tre dovesse mancare alla prova.

Il centrocampo di venerdì sera ha destato però molte perplessità poiché sia Incantalupo che Cullen (pur essendo degli ottimi giocatori) sono centrocampisti solo in funzione offensiva, incapaci di contenere le offensive avversarie, per cui tutto il peso grava sulla sparuta difesa.

Però domenica, nell'a-

michevole con il Preston, si è visto un raggio di sole a centrocampo con l'innesto di Dowie. Fisicamente ben dotato, il nuovo (e forse più indovinato) acquisto ha mostrato autorità sia in fase offensiva che difensiva, buona distribuzione, discreta mobilità. Assieme a Lloyd (che per l'occasione giocava però in avanti al posto dell'assente Ward) e a Miranda, il lungo scozzese proveniente dal Doveton formerebbe un trio di centrocampisti naturali, implacabile nello stroncare le avanzate avversarie e formidabile in fase offensiva poiché tutti e tre sono capaci di distribuire e, all'occorrenza, andare a rete.

Abbiamo così tre punte (Zinni, Ward e Sweeney) a tre centrocampisti naturali (Dowie, Lloyd e Miranda) con Incantalupo e Cullen che possono ricoprire l'uno o l'altro ruolo a seconda delle preferenze dell'allenatore otto uomini per sei ruoli, più la possibilità che rientri Rogers e che Swinscoe riesca a ritrovare la sua vena dopo l'operazione al ginocchio. Il materiale umano certo non manca, quindi Margaritis deve al più presto fare le sue decisioni e trovare la formula migliore per sfruttare al massimo questo notevole talento.

E risiamo alla difesa. Miranda in posizione di centromediano è un ripiego e la sua fatisma sotto pressione lo rende pericoloso alla squadra (ha già preso due cartellini gialli in due partite) e andrebbe molto meglio a centrocampo. La posizione di stopper è quindi un problema fino al rientro di Drinockzy (un paio di mesi, se tutto va bene). Vince Bannon sarà sicuramente un punto di forza a terzino destro, ma bisogna ancora vedere se Hird sarà capace di fare il salto di classe. Pat Bannon è il primo ad ammettere che non ha più vent'anni, ma chi metterebbe al posto suo?

La difesa è il reparto in cui i giocatori dipendono di più l'uno dall'altro: un buon stopper rende la vita più facile al terzino destro, ma bisogna ancora vedere se Hird sarà capace di fare il salto di classe. Pat Bannon è il primo ad ammettere che non ha più vent'anni, ma chi metterebbe al posto suo?

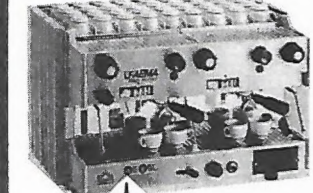
Nella Lega Statale anche il Fawknier sta ricostruendo la squadra sotto la guida del nuovo allenatore Gus McCleod. Scomparso è il vecchio principe, e grande illusione, di poter fare una squadra "italiana" perché ormai anche il Fawknier si è accorto che di buoni giocatori italiani ce ne sono pochi in giro. E' già stato concesso il trasferimento di Ged Bannon dalle Juventus e "Big Gus" ha per le mani altri scozzesi.

Però è arrivato anche Rino Lia dal Croynon; Fabio Angel e ha cominciato a fare le sue apparizioni nelle partite di coppa. Sanoli sembra ormai una sicurezza per un posto fisso in prima squadra e così anche Palmariotti: c'è ovvio che a Fawknier si darà sempre precedenza ed incoraggiamento ai nostri ragazzi, ma se non ce ne sono abbastanza buoni abbastanza non esiste più nessun impedimento per reclutare scozzesi.

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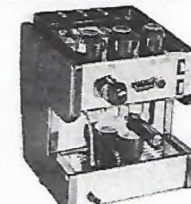
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NSL fixtures due, 0/28 still tops

Still we wait for the 1984 NSL fixtures.

Their adoption was delayed once more last weekend because under a draft proposal, some teams would have gone three weeks before their first home game, and Adelaide and Brisbane teams had consecutive away matches.

It is expected that the fixtures now will be approved this week.

Meanwhile, Channel 0/28 has confirmed its continuing coverage of NSL soccer.

Its Sunday night "Match of the Day" programme now will

cover two instead of one match.

Friday night's "International Sports Magazine" again will be devoted to soccer, and highlights of other games will be shown on Monday nights.

The NSL at first wanted Channel 0/28 to pay for the rights to cover the matches, but in the end it was agreed not to charge Channel 0/28, as it already is outlaying a huge amount of money for its coverage.

The NSL received its long-

awaited \$120,000 sponsorship payment from West Nally Ltd last week, and expects a further \$240,000 this year.

West Nally also pays sponsorship money to the ASF, as part of a formula under which it underwrites the national team, gets all advertising, commercial and TV rights, and a share of income from internationals.

The NSL decided to in-

roduce a new rule under which it can fine clubs from \$100 to \$500 for negotiating with a player without the permission of that player's club.

The NSL competition is to stop for four Sundays mid-season to enable an international tournament to be played, and during this period, the first round of the National Cup match will be played on a home and away basis.

Grgas is best at South Parkmore

Ivica Grgas won the best and fairest player award of Victorian Amateur Second Division club South Parkmore Hajduk.

Runner-up was Tim Basic and Mick Brolie came third. Reserves best and fairest was Marjan Krnjacic. The club finished third last year, with only two defeats, and played in the Amateur Cup final, where it lost 0-3 to Ascot Vale City.

South Parkmore has been promoted to the Provisional League Fourth Division.

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Olympic to take on Bris. City, Lions?

Brisbane's two National League clubs could go into their first matches this season short of tough match practice.

The problem the two clubs face this pre-season is that they don't want to play each other, although it would give their sides the strongest workout possible, for fear of "killing the goose that lays the golden egg."

Derbies between City and Lions undoubtedly produce by far the biggest crowds for a Queensland NSL match.

But under this year's new format, Lions and City could clash up to six times this season.

To play each other in pre-season as well could well kill the "magic" of the much-awaited and revenue-earning clashes.

In a bid to overcome the problem, officials from both clubs are planning a mini-tournament late this month

invite a strong local premier league team — probably Olympic — and a southern NSL side.

The format of the mini-tournament, to be staged over one weekend, will have matches played simultaneously at Richlands and Spencer Park on Friday night and again on Sunday afternoon.

Scot for hire

Former Kilmarnock, Morton and Chelsea player Billy Sinclair wants to coach in Australia. Sinclair, 35, is a Scot living in Northern Ireland. He has coached Northern Irish clubs Linfield and Glenavon and Republic of Ireland outfit Sligo Rovers.

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